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What are your top ten stories of the century, the millennium?

As each year draws to a close, The Citizen runs a wrap up of the top stories of the year, but this year, with the century and millennium also concluding, we'd like to do things a little differently. We invite our readers to join us in identifying the top ten stories of the century and the millennium. "Top" of course is arbitrary, so feel free to define it however you like, and please have fun with the idea. If you feel your own birth, or the birth of a child, was a top-ten event of your millennium, then by all means say so. Please submit your list (we'd prefer it with your name, but anonymous is also OK) to: The Bethel Citizen, P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217 or by e-mail to: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Local cyber Santas stuff their stockings from Internet shelves

By ALISON ALOISIO

"... as the shoppers rush home with their treasures," goes the line from a popular 20th-century Christmas song.

But as the 1990s come to a close, more and more holiday shoppers — including many in the Bethel area — never leave home in the first place.

Instead, they punch their credit card numbers into a home computer and let UPS and Federal Express rush the treasures home.

This season has seen a jump in online shopping nationwide, as retail websites proliferate and consumer confidence in online security grows. Everything from toys to clothing to books to tools is available at the click of a mouse from such companies as Sears, J.C. Penney and online giant Amazon.com.

Among local Internet shoppers is Leslie Moore, one of about a dozen local Internet users who replied to an e-mail from the Citizen asking about their use of online shopping.

"I've been using Amazon.com since last Christmas for gifts as well as personal items," wrote Moore. "Generally, I go there for the harder to find books, videos, etc."

"This year I went to ebay (a buying and selling marketplace site) in search of an out-of-print video for my father, with wonderful success!"

"I did try to order stuff from Lillian Vernon over the Internet, but wasn't successful. It was an involved process and in the end didn't get through to them."

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But do grinchers lurk?

Associated Press

It sounds so easy -- click onto a retailer's Web site and while you sit in your pajamas and sip your coffee, you can order holiday gifts that will be delivered only days later. But while buying online means you don't need to drive to the mall and deal with crowds and parking, it's not without its pitfalls.

Internet retailers vary as widely as traditional merchants in their policies on shipping and returns. And it can be very hard to tell from a Web site whether a retailer is reputable.

There are also potential problems unique to buying online, such as being sure credit card and other information is protected. And some online retail sites aren't very user-friendly, making it hard for shoppers to find out the information they need to decide whether to buy.

If this is your first time shopping over the Internet, the holidays may not be the best time to do a lot of experimenting. It probably is best to stick with well-known sites or retailers that family and friends have used successfully.

And shop early -- online merchants, like catalog retailers, can sell out of popular merchandise. Unexpected shipping delays might also mean disappointment during the holidays.

Agencies including the Federal Trade Commission and the Better Business Bureau have advice on online shopping that's available on their Web sites (www.ftc.gov and www.bbb.org) to help consumers avoid fraud.

Both sites advise shoppers to be sure they're familiar with a retailer before ordering. That means checking with agencies like the BBB or

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Kids for Trees. Trees for kids



Stephanie Savage of Woodstock, 7, was all smiles Sunday after helping choose her family's Christmas tree at the SAD44 Kids for Trees lot in Bethel. The nine-year-old trees were planted by the Telstar High School Class of 2000 when the students were third-graders. The seniors are now selling the trees to help support their Project Graduation activities. Prices start at \$5 for a three-foot tree, with an additional \$5 per foot charged after that, to a maximum of \$25. Class members will be selling the trees on the lot site, located next to the P.H. Chadbourne mill on Route 26 in Bethel, over the next two weekends. Hours are 9 to noon on Saturdays, noon to 3 Sundays. The trees are cut while the customer waits.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Newry takes Mass. CEO/ selectman to court

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Town of Newry and John Emidy have a date in court Jan. 7.

Unable -- at least so far -- to secure a consent agreement regarding Emidy's alleged illegal building activities at his house on the remote Skyline Drive road, the town's attorney has filed a citation and complaint in Rumford District Court.

Emidy, according to Newry officials, constructed two additions to his house without first obtaining building permits. When notified verbally and in writing of his violation in September, "the defendant ignored the Town's notice and continued with the construction of the additions," wrote attorney Chris Neagle in the complaint.

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Bethel P.D. will get two new cruisers Voters also OK land donation

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Police Department could be back on the road again -- in its own cruisers -- as early as the end of next week.

At a special Town Meeting Monday nearly 150 voters overwhelmingly approved the lease-purchase of two new cruisers for the police force, which has been operating from a single, loaned state police cruiser since two accidents in November wiped out the BPD fleet's cruisers.

Voters also agreed to allow the town selectmen to accept the donation of a 17-acre parcel of land in Bethel Station, and they approved the purchase of 17 air easements over properties near the Bethel Airport and the extension of a wa-

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Greenwood F.D. wants to beef up new truck

Town Meeting set for Tuesday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With more and more new residents headed to the hills and back roads of Greenwood, the Fire Department has changed its mind about exactly what sort of a new truck will best meet the town's needs.

At Town Meeting in March, voters approved spending \$53,000 on a four-wheel-drive truck to fight off-road woods fires.

The new truck was necessary, firefighters argued, to deal with the heightened danger of forest fires following the Ice Storm of '98.

The department planned to use the truck to fill the gap left when an older unit wore out a few years earlier and was not replaced.

But Fire Chief Raymond Seames

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Telstar 1999/2000 winter sports preview

By ALISON ALOISIO

Boys basketball

A new coach and a young team may spell uncertainty for the Telstar High School boys' basketball team -- but it also means opportunity.

"There are not many opportunities where sophomores and juniors can step into full-time roles," said Larry Durgin, who this year steps into the role of head coach.

Durgin has coached the junior varsity for the past two years, and has moved up along with his player sons, sophomore Kaleb and freshman Kinsey.

He inherits a team from former coach Mark Thurlow that will include only two seniors, guards Kier Simmons and Cooper Willard.

The team is heavy in juniors, who include Bob Bean (forward), Paul Cox (guard), Steve Estes

(guard/forward), Greg Koch (guard), Will Seames (guard/forward), Dan Stevens (guard) and Dan Zinchuk (center).

Kaleb Durgin, a guard/forward, is joined by fellow-sophomore Eli Young, a center. Freshmen are Kinsey Durgin (guard) and Wade Osgood (forward).

Coach Durgin brings with him a coaching philosophy different from that of previous years. A former Oxford Hills High School player himself, "I always used to like to run, so they'll run," said Durgin.

His current Telstar players should fit the bill as running Rebels. "Speed and quickness are our strengths," Durgin said. "We aren't real big, so we'll have to run."

He knows the boys well -- in addition to coaching them as J.V. players, he has also helped out with most of them on the court since

they were in third grade. "They're a fun bunch -- they like to play basketball," he said. "They're all hard workers."

The squad is 1-1 in two preseason games, beating Gorham, N.H. but losing to Buckfield.

Girls' basketball

The lady Rebels also have a new coach this season -- Carroll Harris, who coached Washburn High School's boys' team to a state championship in 1990.

Harris was just hired last week, and replaces Kelly Dole.

The new coach hasn't had much time with his players yet, but it was enough to lead them to a scrimmage win Tuesday night over Poland Regional High School.

"I'm real pleased with the way things are going," said Harris. "The

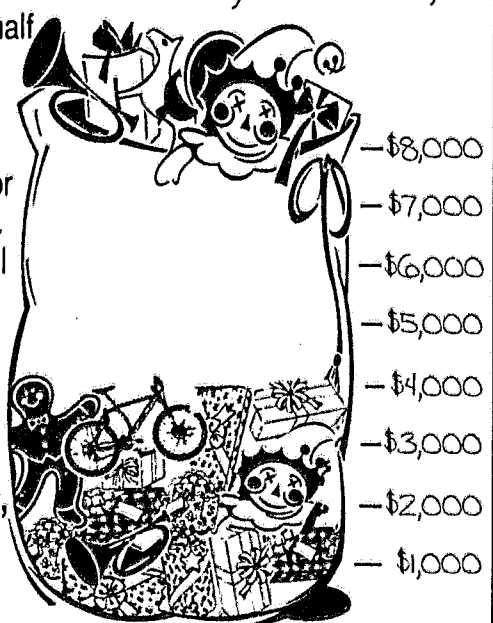
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Christmas For Children

Christmas for Children is half way there, and the Bethel Rotary Club had raised \$3,900 toward its goal of \$8,000 to purchase toys for needy local boys and girls. Requests for donations will be accepted through Dec. 18, and contributions through Christmas.

They may be sent to:

Bethel Rotary Club
Christmas for Children,
c/o David Murphy,
844 Mayville Road,
Bethel, ME 04217



Esther needs some Grandma time over the Holidays, so... Dr. Shaw's office on Lower Main Street, will be CLOSED XMAS thru JAN 2. In event of an eye injury, please call 875-5003, (days) • 836-2481 Happy Holidays!!

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Letters

WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?

To the Editor:

Before Miss Gadbois can find fault with Mr. Zerbst's achievement and actions (Citizen, Dec. 2), maybe she should think before she criticizes Mr. Zerbst's work, which I understand he has volunteered for the past 20 plus years in the WMNF.

I hunt the area of Mr. Zerbst's camp along the Pleasant River and often admire the work that has been done to keep the apple trees producing for the benefit of wildlife in the area.

It was mentioned in the article, "Neighbor protests WMNF land swap." I would like to know what the accusation she is making toward Mr. Zerbst has anything to do with a land swap?

It seems to me it's an act of jealousy on her part for an individual that wants to make right on an existing problem and to obtain ownership of a spring he has used for so many years.

Samuel Riles
Waterford

THE KIDS ARE NOT CRIMINALS

To the Editor:

Most of Bethel's students are not criminals, but why are they all treated as if they have committed a crime?

I have recently come home from college to find Bethel in a moment of disarray. Our students are cautious of their school officials and their police officers.

The school officials and police department treat all the students as if they have committed a crime. The students' personal belongings must be searched before they enter their place of higher learning.

What is the town trying to prove to their children? The police department and the school officials are proving to their students that instead of being innocent until proven guilty they are all guilty until proven innocent. This is wrong. I have always been a proud citizen of Bethel, but now I don't even want to come home.

In the Nov. 18 issue of The Bethel Citizen, three out of the seven incidents reported in the police log dealt with Telstar students. I feel that our police department enjoys putting any type of blame or charges on juveniles or students of Bethel. If a student can't trust or be trusted by their school officials and police department, they should not be able to trust anyone.

I am thoroughly disappointed in how all the students at Telstar Middle and High schools have been treated and how the police department is dealing with the whole bomb threat situation. It makes me ashamed to be a citizen of Bethel. If Bethel school officials and the police department treat their students like criminals, they are more likely to act like or become criminals.

Shawna Roderick
Rindge, N.H.

RESIGNING GREENWOOD BOARD

To the Editor:

I'm resigning from the Greenwood Planning Board effective Jan. 1, 2000.

I have enjoyed the time on the board and working with the other board members.

At this time, I don't feel I'm doing the town any good if I can't go by the rules the town voted on years ago. If the board has to go by two sets of rules, I don't feel this is right. That was the way the town was run years ago, but I was in hopes we would have come along with the times and everyone would be treated the same way by the same set of rules regardless of how you spell your name. I've been called a lot of different names, but I've tried to treat everybody the same, and go by the set of rules that former board members voted on years ago.

Someone has got to go over the rules of the town and have it voted on at Town Meeting so everyone will be in agreement to the same thing. It would be a lot easier for the Planning Board to do their job.

Marie A. Curtis
Greenwood

FOOD PANTRY THANKS

To the Editor:

As most people know, someone stole from the food pantry, which was very sad and upsetting. Since the theft we have received news coverage, which spread the word to people explaining our loss. Because of the publicity, we have been blessed with donations of money, food and help putting the food on the shelves. The response has been overwhelming.

We want to thank all the people who have been a part of the process. It is wonderful to see friends from all over Maine come together in time of need.

There isn't enough space in this letter to thank everyone who has helped, but we wanted to express our sincere gratitude. It has been an emotional experience for all of those involved with the food pantry.

Maryvonne Wheeler, Freda Davis and Crew
Bethel

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

To the Editor:

The Bethel Rotary Club cordially invites all seniors to attend the annual Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. The doors will open late morning, which allows time to visit with friends before the noon luncheon. The menu will include ham, potatoes, squash, veggies, rolls, beverage and dessert. Music will be provided by the Crescent Park School chorus and band. The traditional giving of gifts will round out the afternoon.

Members of the Bethel Rotary Club look forward to sharing this joyous gathering with seniors from throughout the area.

Robin Zinchuk
Bethel Rotary Club Community Services Committee

LIVING NATIVITY - THE SHOW GOES ON

To the Editor:

It is that time of the year in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways - Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the Common by people of the Bethel community. When we moved to this community four years ago, I was surprised and thrilled that this community presented a living nativity program, remembering the true meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing. How appropriate. What a great thing to gather the community at this special season of the year.

Over the past few years, Carl and Nancy Hansen have been the coordinating forces behind its continued existence, and though they have recently moved out of state, I would like to thank them publicly. But, as they say, "the show must go on." So, this is a call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year. It takes a lot of people to "pull it off," and we would like to include every interested person. We need shepherds, wise men, angels and others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. For those who would like to be involved, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at the Bethel Inn. So come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time). We also need a crowd to watch, listen, and sing, so come and be a part of this special community expression of Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the Common, next to the gazebo.

A special advance thank you goes to the Bethel Rotary Club for their annual involvement in the Living Nativity in the setting up and dismantling of the manger and corral, as well as to Pooh Farm and others who share their animals with us all.

If anyone has questions, or would like to let us know of his/her willingness to help in advance, please call (or leave a message) at 824-2289 (Bethel Alliance Church). We look forward to seeing everyone on the Dec. 19. Merry Christmas.

Rick Mowery
Bethel

HEALTH AND WELLNESS DIRECTORY

To the Editor:

The Women's Health Conference, 2000, is planning to assemble a "Health and Wellness Directory," to identify health and wellness services available in the SAD44 district. Health and wellness services include: medical, holistic and alternative health care, bodywork, mental health/counseling services, and other activities that promote mental, emotional and physical well being. The directory will be distributed to conference participants and will be available at Bethel Family Health Center.

We would like to include in the directory anyone who provides a health or wellness service in the SAD44 area. We need to know name, service, telephone number, fax and e-mail address. Please contact Kara Masters Siekman at 824-0820 or e-mail mastersk@gouldacademy.org, or Joanna Drummond at 824-0474 or e-mail Drummond@nxi.com.

Joanna Drummond and Kara Masters Siekman
For The Women's Health Conference

VILLAGE IS ALIVE WITH HOLIDAY SPIRIT

To the Editor:

Without the slightest touch of winter to date, Bethel's Village is alive in holiday spirit. From the common, down Church and Main to Bethel Station and out Route 2 toward Sunday River, the Village looks great. The Bethel Chamber of Commerce, the Newry and Bethel fire departments, the Millennium Committee (the gazebo looks great), the Bethel Village Association, the Bethel Historical Society, the many merchants and homeowners who have adorned their properties for the holidays should be commended for their efforts. What a wonderful community spirit.

Let us be thankful for the festive spirit so engrained in the good we present to each other. Those visiting during the holidays will certainly admire our ability to demonstrate what our community has to offer.

And for anyone interested, the next Bethel Village Association meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Wild River Realty, corner of Main and Church streets.

Bob Laux
For the Bethel Village Association

Greenwood

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Seames said Tuesday that even prior to the Town Meeting the Fire Department was having second thoughts about the role of the new unit - in light of the increasing number of people who are choosing to build homes in the more remote areas of town.

In many of these areas, especially high on the hills or in subdivisions where the roads are not maintained by the town, there are times of the year when it is impossible to get a

regular fire truck to a burning building, Seames said.

With that in mind, the Fire Department is now seeking an additional \$20,000 for the new 4WD truck. The money would be used to equip it with a higher capacity pump more adequate for fighting structure fires.

The \$20,000 would also pay for a beefed-up body, capable of transporting more equipment, Seames said.

The request will be put to voters at a special Town Meeting Tuesday.

At the same time the department will request up to \$5,000 in additional funding for its regular account.

The money is needed because of the rapidly escalating number of calls the department has had to deal with over the past year, Seames said.

The special Town Meeting will be held Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Town Office.

Newry

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Emidy, a part-time resident, is a selectman in Blackstone, Mass. He is also a code enforcement officer in that state, according to the Newry complaint.

In October, the town imposed a fine of \$100 a day, leading to a maximum \$2,500 fine in the time that elapsed between notification and the receipt of a permit application from Emidy.

When Lisa Scott, Newry code enforcement officer, spoke to Emidy, he indicated he could not or would not pay the fine, she said. He then retained an attorney.

Wrote Neagle, "The Town is seeking the maximum \$2,500 penalty, because the Defendant, as a Massachusetts code enforcement officer, clearly knew about the need for a building permit, and after be-

ing notified of that fact by the Town, the Defendant continued with his construction without a proper permit."

The town is also seeking attorneys' fees "and to provide such other relief as the Court deems proper."

The citation was also signed by David C. Pearson, Emidy's attorney.



MILLENNIUM BRICKS MOVING UPTOWN, to the front of the Cole Block-The Bethel Millennium Committee has proposed, and the Bethel selectmen have signed off on, a plan to change the location of the commemorative brick sidewalk from the front of the Post Office to the front of Odeon Hall. The move is in response to community support and enthusiasm for the restoration of the hall, and to the obvious need to repair and/or replace the existing sidewalk and landing in front of the Cole Block building, according to committee member Sally Taylor. It has not yet been determined how the brickwork and sidewalk in front of the building will be designed, Taylor said. A second phase of the brick project would continue the bricks in the area of the Post Office. Everyone who has already purchased a brick will be contacted personally regarding the shift in location, Taylor said.
(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: INC. Magazine named Leslie Otten, owner and president of Sunday River Ski Resort, one of 11 finalists in a nationwide search for the country's "Entrepreneur-of-the-year."

Telstar sophomore Bridget Remington was nominated for the spring Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference and Solai Buckanan was selected as alternate.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 565, master and parents who participated in the sixth annual Junior Leadership Winter Camping Trip in Grafton Notch were Lloyd Sweetser, Jacob Annis, Ryan Bernier, Patrick Harrington, Adam Craig, James Bonney, Scoutmaster Dewaine Craig, Scott Annis, Lloyd Sweetser Sr., and Andre Bernier.

Over 200 people attended the Bethel tree lighting on the Common, Santa's arrival by horse-drawn sleigh and Christmas carols led by an Elderhostel group from Sunday River Inn.

Marriage: Nancy Chadbourne and David Stearns.

Deaths: Sam Moore, Howard Hart.

20 years ago: "Rebel Revue II," featuring variety acts, a comedy game show, soap opera and musical numbers by the Telstar jazz band and Telstar chorus was held at Telstar auditorium.

Gould Academy students, under the direction of Frank Fiske, presented a program of Christmas music at the annual Bethel Senior Citizens Christmas party held at the Bethel IOOF Hall on Main Street (renovated in Fall 1999 for retail space by owners Bruce Powell and David Murphy).

Francis H. Bean, Telstar social science teacher, announced his resignation effective at the end of the school year.

Sonny's Cash Store and Service Station was open at the former Citgo Service Center on Route 2 (now a bottle redemption center and C.N. Brown Mobil station).

Birth: Katrina Chapman.

Deaths: Edna Moxcey, Joseph Farnum.

30 years ago: Leland "Mike" Brown was chosen by the National Foundation, March of Dimes, to attend a three-day leadership conference at the Salk Institute in San Diego, Calif.

The SAD44 Board of Directors approved a policy to allow married students to complete requirements and achieve a high school diploma and extracurricular participation under the same conditions that apply to unmarried students.

Mrs. Suzanne Taylor was approved as SAD44 teacher of elementary art.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weaver and Mrs. Ernest Packard chaperoned 26 Telstar students on a trip to New York City.

East Andover Post Office was moved to the store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hutchins.

Marriage: Kathy Sweet and Jeffery Clough.

Deaths: Carlton Saunders, Mary Briggs, William Taylor Jr. Asa Taylor, Rev. Hilda Ives.

40 years ago: The automobile body repair shop of Bennett's Garage, Inc., moved from the former Bennett's Garage building at Main and Elm streets to the new 40 x 40 foot addition at the garage below the railroad station (now SAD44 Bus Garage), and Ernest Angevine moved his chainsaw-machine shop business to the vacated body shop.

Barbara Leach of Locke Mills won the silver wings of a United Air Lines stewardess.

William J. Coolidge, boilerman fireman, USN, participated in a large amphibious training exercise at Kodiak, Alaska, while serving aboard the attack transport USS Paul Revere.

Births: Timothy Andrews, Gregory Tyler.

Marriage: Louine Canuel and Carl Corkum.

Death: Addie Braun.

50 years ago: Work was finished on the electric line through West Greenwood and everyone was enjoying electricity.

Bethel Grammar School cheerleaders were Mary Anne Myers, Joan Bennett, Mary Kneeland, Eleanor Sumner, and Nesta Gordon.

Fred Judkins, Albert Judkins and Malcolm Barnett had a "hog-killing bee" at the Abbott House barn in Upton.

Birth: Patrick Murphy.

Marriage: La Vaughn Langley and Edmond Dorion.

Death: Bessie Billings.

100 years ago: Henry Hastings opened his law office on Broad Street, succeeding Richard Frye.

Daniel Hastings returned to Bethel from his Montana ranch with 17 horses and colts.

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Briefly

Board votes against expulsion

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board voted 9-8 Monday against expelling a student accused of being involved in an Oct. 28 bomb threat at Telstar High School. "There was a lot of second hand evidence," said director John Brown of Bethel. The boys' attorney, John Jenness, said his client had been wrongly accused. Police Chief Darren Tripp said he had 13 written statements from students and staff regarding the juvenile's alleged involvement. The student, along with a second student, also faces legal charges in the case, with a court date expected in roughly two months. Tripp said the district attorney is expected to subpoena witnesses for the legal action — something Tripp was unable to do for the School Board hearing. Tripp also said he would oppose an appeal by Jenness to lessen a bail condition preventing the student from having contact with other Telstar students. If the condition is lifted, the boy would then be allowed back in school. Voting against expulsion Monday were Janet Brown of Woodstock, John Brown of Bethel, Elaine Cross of Bethel, Jeff Harren of Greenwood, Ray Harrington of Greenwood, Fran Head of Bethel, Deborah Oliver of Bethel, Sid Pew of Andover and Jill Rundle of Bethel. Voting in favor were Whitney Gray of Newry, Lori Hall of Andover, Phil Korhonen of Woodstock, David Langlois of Newry, Richard Melville of Greenwood, Marcel Polak of Woodstock, Kelly Scotti of Andover and Anne Stuer of Bethel. The weighted vote was 569 no, 431 yes. The second student was scheduled for an expulsion hearing last night (Wednesday).

Don Murphy to be CEO?

NEWRY—Newry would pay Bethel for the services of its code enforcement officer in a proposed arrangement discussed recently by town officials. Lisa Scott, who has been employed as CEO in both towns for the past two years, resigned recently. Newry's administrative assistant, Sylvia Gray, told selectmen Tuesday she had discussed a plan with Bethel town manager Scott Cole in which Don Murphy, currently project specialist for Bethel, might take on the code enforcement responsibilities. He would be employed by Bethel, but provide CEO services for Newry as well. Newry would then pay Bethel approximately \$3,000 a year for Murphy's time.

Marriott in no rush at Jordan

NEWRY—A spokesman for Marriott International said Tuesday that its plans to develop timeshares at five American Skiing Co. resorts have been delayed. Plans announced in 1998 called for timeshare units in Sunday River's Jordan Bowl. The units had been scheduled for marketing this season, with work beginning in the spring of 2001. But Ed Kinney, senior director for Marriott, said there were now no specific dates for those plans. He said ASC's recent financial problems did not play a role. He said Marriott wants to be sure the original plans still make the best sense from a business standpoint. The company paid a \$50,000 application fee early this year when it submitted plans for four buildings in Jordan Bowl. In the summer, resort officials met with town officials to discuss a possible change in the way Newry taxes timeshare units. Marriott claimed the town's valuation of the units are inflated by consideration of intangible values of a timeshare. The town's tax assessors asked for a list of such intangibles, but the company never provided one and did not get in touch with town officials about meeting again, according to town officials.

Benefit for Tobin Heath

LOCKE MILLS—A benefit dance/hoot night will take place Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Proceeds will go toward medical expenses for Tobin Heath of Woodstock, who is scheduled for heart surgery later this month. The entertainment will feature Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, Hoot Express, Don Murphy, Mike Rainey, Wendy Green, Andy Cummings and friends, Pawah Express with Nate Town and band and Puckerbrush Cats with Mitch Maddox and band. Suggested donations are \$6 single and \$10 per couple, BYOB. For more information call Dottie Heath at 665-2088.

Kuzyk receives national certification

BETHEL—Linda Kuzyk, a fifth-grade teacher at Crescent Park Elementary School, recently qualified for National Board Certification. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards establishes rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, develops and operates a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet those standards. Kuzyk is one of seven teachers in Maine to have achieved certification. A second SAD44 educator, Karen Bean of Telstar Middle School, received the certification several years ago.

Planning the Living Nativity

BETHEL—An organizational meeting for the 1999 Living Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, for anyone interested in helping out.

Roadless meetings scheduled

GORHAM, N.H.—The White Mountain National Forest will host two meetings to share information about a Notice of Intent currently being prepared to address protection of National Forest roadless areas. The meetings will take place Monday, Dec. 13, at the Holiday Inn in Concord, N.H. and Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H. Both sessions run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Written comments will be accepted and forwarded to the national team working on the notice. Oral comments will not be taken. The meetings are the first step in the public rulemaking process that proposes long-term protection for more than 50 million acres of national forests that remain undisturbed by road building. The agency is in the first stages of developing an Environmental Impact Statement. The public has until Dec. 20 to provide comments on the scope of the environmental, social, and economic issues that should be analyzed in depth in the draft EIS. Additional meetings will be held when the draft is released. Information about the proposal is available at <http://roadless.fs.fed.us>. Written comments should be mailed to USDA Forest Service-CAET, Attention: Roadless Areas NOI, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122 or e-mail to: roadless/wo_caet-slc@fs.fed.us.

Waterford considers closures

WATERFORD—Voters at a special Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday will consider whether to partially close nine unimproved roads and fully close another. The closures would avoid thousands of dollars of reconstruction costs as the areas are developed, according to selectmen. The town would retain public easements and do minor repair work. The roads would not be plowed.

What to do with library?

WEST PARIS—Voters at the 2000 Town Meeting will consider two options regarding the future of the Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library. Trustees and the Friends of the West Paris Library decided Monday to offer the choices of either building an addition onto the library or building a new library on town property next to the Town Office. The current library also needs repairs. It has been used for 77 years and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. If its use is discontinued, it would by deed revert back to the West Paris Library Corp. The status of the corporation, however, is not known. A new library built on the town property would have the advantage of being closer to the Agnes Gray School. There would also be room for future expansion.

Errol to celebrate millennium

ERROL, N.H.—The Umbagog Chamber of Commerce is organizing a Millennium Celebration at the Errol, N.H., Town Hall on Dec. 31. The evening will include food and entertainment, with music, games, television broadcasts of the millennium celebration around the world, and a late evening dinner. Children's activities are also available. Adult tickets (in the form of buttons) are \$25 each, and children's are \$8. For more information call (603) 482-3906.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Phone line cut, Rite Aid burglarized

At 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, police responded to the Gamm Building on the Northwest Bethel Road regarding a cut telephone cable that affected all phones at Sunday River Skiway. The officer then found a telephone company truck on Route 2 by Rite Aid. A worker was splicing together a major cable, which had been cut about nine feet off the ground. At approximately 2300 the night before, the Rite Aid store had been burglarized. The phone service had gone down at 2230. The case is under investigation.

Sunday, Dec. 5

At 2:20 a.m. police responded to a Broad Street business for an unwanted subject. On arrival police were told there was an intoxicated female in a lodging room. She was removed, and after she became assaultive toward another female and the officer she was arrested. Mary C. Wainright, 18, was taken to the Oxford County Sheriff's office and summonsed for disorderly conduct.

At 3:07 p.m. police stopped a driver for failing to stop at the intersection of the Parkway and Route 2. A license check showed his right to operate had been suspended since April of 1998. Marc E. Lanser, 50, of Dover, Mass., was issued a summons for the violation.

At 2:10 p.m. a subject was stopped for speeding on Bridge Street when it was discovered that marijuana was in the vehicle. The driver and passengers were summonsed. They included: driver James C. Hollenbeck, 19, of Glen Mills, Pa. (speeding 50 mph in a 35 mph zone, illegal possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of a useable amount of marijuana); Kyle E. Hebsch, 19, of Plymouth, Mass. (possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a useable amount of marijuana); Kristine J. Maccaferri, 19, of Plymouth, Mass. (possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a useable amount of marijuana, possession of an altered or fake identification).

Monday, Dec. 6

At 4:45 p.m. police received a report regarding an older male subject who had entered a Railroad Street store after pumping gas. He then picked up several other items and cut in the line. When asked to step to the end he said he would be back, and left the store. He then departed in a car and headed south on Route 26. A BOLO was transmitted for the teal colored compact car.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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DECK THE VILLAGE—The "Woodstock Community Make a Difference Committee" made Christmas swags to place on light poles in Bryant Pond Village. On Friday, students from the Mahosuc Mountain School helped put up the decorations. Shown here are (from left): Sarah Hills, Jenna Hardy, Den Corrin and Bronson Douglass. The swags were made by Corrin, Monica Magee and Nancy Willard. The committee was formerly known as the Village Improvement Society. The group asks anyone who has project ideas for the town to contact members or the Town Office. (Photo by Alison Aloisto)

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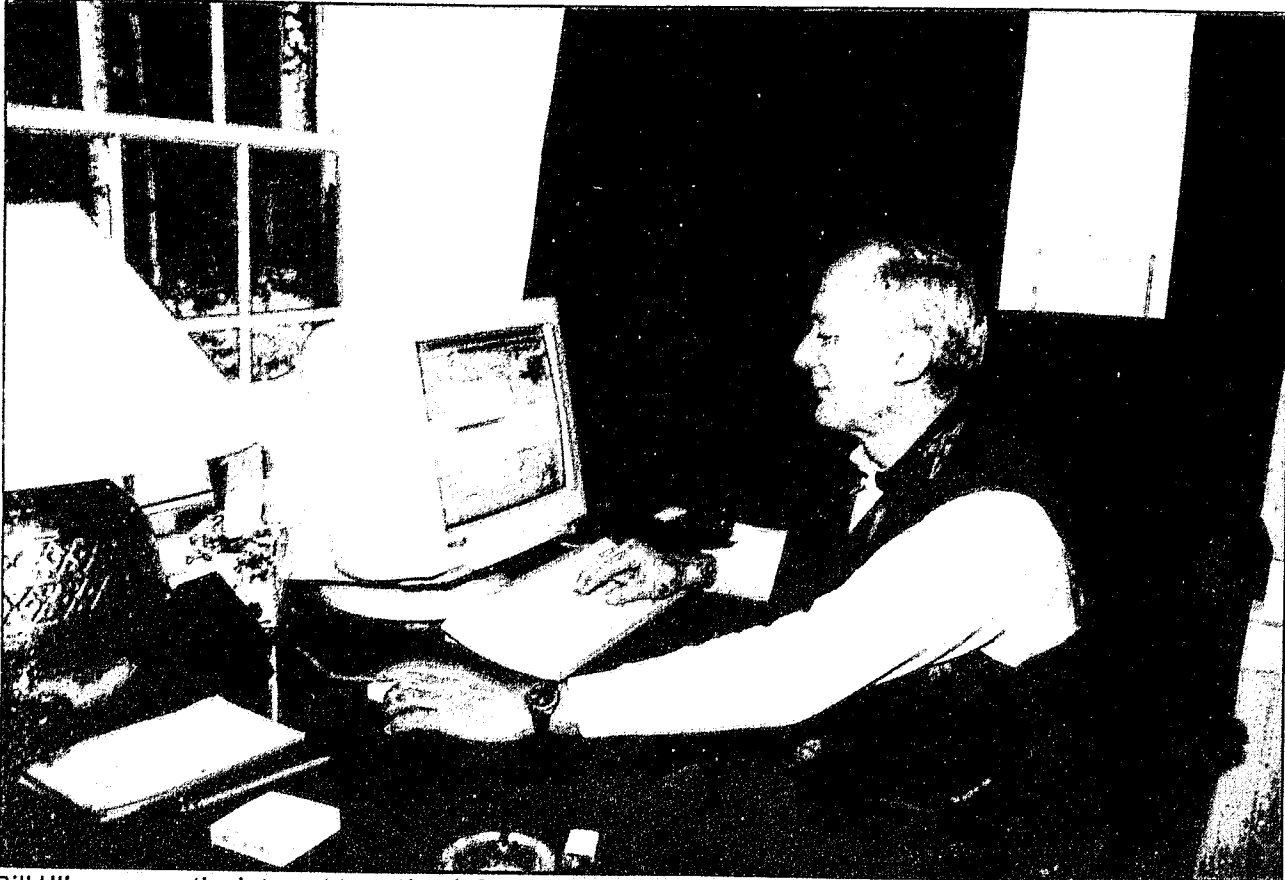
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Local People Doing Local Business

Internet

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Bill Ullman uses the Internet to gather information on products, but usually orders by telephone.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

"I would say our ordering over the net has increased. Generally, if we can't find something locally (within a 30-mile radius) we hit the Internet."

Moore's reply was fairly typical — while online shopping is a great convenience and gas-saver in many cases, the "service" can vary like it does in a real store. But the savings on driving often tips the scale in favor of the Internet.

"We've increased both number and types of gifts we're ordering over the Internet," wrote Dutch Dresser. "The main provocation is convenience. A few minutes on the screen is an improvement over hours on the highway."

Then there is coupon shopping, which has been able to make a transition to the Net.

Writes Wendy Hanscom, "I didn't order any Internet Christmas presents last year, but this year is different. Internet discount coupons and free shipping are what interests me about shopping online."

Hanscom was able to order several books using new-customer coupons at a price (including shipping) of \$34, compared to \$85 regular retail.

Some shoppers use a combination of telephone and Internet to buy.

Said Bill Ullman: "I use the Internet more this year than last for buying stuff, but except for books, I rarely actually buy online. Sites such as Land's End and many others have become very good at showing/telling you exactly what

the product is — how it works, looks, etc.

"But if I see something I want to buy I usually call the 800 number. The main reason for this (especially during the holidays) is that many vendors do not have the item I may want in stock. By talking with a person, I find this out. Ordering online, I might only find out that they can't ship now by return message — and then I've got to go to the trouble of recontacting them."

Adds an unnamed user, "I've been using the net for Christmas shopping this year for the first time. Mostly it's been books and toys, and supplemented it by using catalogs and the phone."

Jonathan Goldberg also finds online shopping a mixed bag. It can be convenient, he said, but "the e-shops are just as likely to be sold out of an item as a regular store. I have gone to some sites which have stopped accepting orders because they could not keep up. Even with next-day shipping, I have found e-shopping a risky venture for must-have or last-minute shopping."

Goldberg does find one part of the ordering process particularly interesting — "The best part is getting the UPS or FedEx tracking number and watching the progress of your parcel across the country at their web site."

Cookies for Christmas
Despite the convenience, some Internet users are still wary of the

security of online shopping.

An unnamed writer said he uses the Internet to gather information about products but almost always calls in his orders. That way he avoids the chance a company will share his name with other companies, which in turn send out junk mail.

He does order from a couple of trusted sites, but has his computer programmed to allow no data written to it by companies without his specific approval.

Without such a setup, or at least specifically directing against receiving information, online shoppers open themselves to receive "cookies" — an identifying code that a company's web server places on a home computer. The cookie can then be used to retrieve the home computer owners' records from the company's database.

A Web site that has an identity code can exchange information with companies that buy advertising space from them, and sell the individual's name to mail order companies.

And if cookies aren't enough, there's even danger in the ingenuity of your own children.

One mother wrote that her children have taken to e-mailing their Christmas wish lists — complete with links to the appropriate companies — to their grandparents.

Grinch

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the Maine attorney general's office to see if they've had complaints about a site.

"Don't rely on a professional looking Web site as proof of a company's quality or good reputation," warns the BBB. And the FTC notes that if users have learned about a retailer from an unsolicited e-mail, they should be particularly cautious.

Internet shopping has grown as more consumers have become more relaxed about supplying their credit card numbers and other personal information. But they need to be sure that a retailer's server, or computer, provides security. If the retailer does have a secure server, a tiny padlock will appear at the bottom of the browser window.

Both the FTC and BBB also advise online shoppers to use credit cards for purchasing rather than cash or checks, because they reduce the chances for fraud. And they recommend shoppers print out and keep any records of their purchases.

Shipping and handling charges and taxes can significantly affect the price of merchandise, and while some retailers supply detailed information in easy-to-find pages on their sites, others make it harder to locate. Sometimes a buyer must complete an order form to find out shipping charges.

One site selling small appliances such as DVD players says underneath an item's description: "Shipping and tax may be added to your order. For terms, see the Info page."

Click on the Info link, and a page comes up that includes "How we calculate shipping." However, the calculations are not explained.

This doesn't mean a retailer is dishonest or trying to hide something. It does mean the site isn't as easy to use as others.

Returns can be another problem area. Some sites are explicit about how merchandise can be returned, and whether shipping and handling is refunded. Others don't say a word, or make the information hard to find.

Shoppers browsing the Web might be tempted to use online markets, which are a collection of links to retailers. Consumers should be aware that a retailer's inclusion in a market — including those run by Yahoo!, Excite, Metacrawler, and other search sites — is no guarantee it will have better merchandise or be easier to use. If this sounds daunting, the BBB suggests starting small — make an inexpensive purchase and see if you're happy with the way a retailer handles it.

Bethel meeting

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ter main at the airport.

None of the votes were close. A dozen people opposed the purchase of the police cruisers; fewer voted against any of the other articles.

In approving the purchase of two cruisers, the voters went the initial warrant one better — and at less cost (at least this year) than the warrant proposed.

The warrant article submitted for the meeting called for purchasing one cruiser, at a cost of \$24,000.

But when discussion on the article commenced, Town Manager Scott Cole immediately proposed an amendment calling for the town to enter a lease-purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit Co. that would provide the town with two new vehicles at a cost this year of \$17,195. (Approximately \$14,000 of that amount is lease cost, the remainder one-time set-up expenses, according to Police Chief Darren Tripp).

At their annual Town Meeting in June voters would be asked to approve the lease for another year, Cole said. If they decide to opt out of the arrangement there would be no penalty to the town, he said.

There was little discussion of the financial arrangements, or of the need for the town to have a second cruiser. Complaints were raised, however, about the use of Bethel cruisers beyond the town line, and over the practice of allowing Tripp to take the back-up cruiser home with him when he goes off duty.

But other voters strenuously defended both practices.

Norm Clanton, an Oxford County Sheriff's Deputy, appeared to speak for many, when he argued that municipal boundaries mean little when a citizen or an officer is in jeopardy.

"If there's a serious accident in Gilead and a Bethel officer is the closest one," Clanton said, "he ought to go and protect life and property until the state or county can get there."

Likewise, Clanton said: "If a Bethel police officer has a problem and calls for help he doesn't care if the guy who comes to help is another Bethel officer or a state trooper in a blue uniform or a deputy sheriff in a brown uniform."

As for Tripp taking a cruiser home (Bryant Pond), Clanton pointed out that the chief is on call 24-hours a day and needs to be able to respond quickly and with the necessary equipment, when emergencies arise.

"I think we're getting a heck of a deal with a chief who is willing to come out from home and help out his troops."

State Trooper Kyle Tilsley, a

Bethel resident, thought so too. "Last July I was getting shot at in Locke Mills. Darren came out of his house on his own time to back me up, when my nearest back up was 29 minutes away. Stand there and get shot at and tell me you don't need two cruisers in Bethel."

Voters agreed overwhelmingly that they did.

They also agreed to spend \$275,000 of the federal government's money to purchase 17 avigational easements in airspace near the expanding Bethel airport.

And they agreed to extend a water main from the former GAMM building approximately 500 feet into the airport, along the flight line.

John Head, a member of the Bethel Airport Authority, explained that the extension was phase one of a two-phase project that would result in a 1,850-foot long loop, connecting on both ends to the main line bringing water into the village.

The initial extension and final loop, Head said, would provide both water service and fire protection to new hangars and an envisioned office building at the airport.

The extension is to be paid for with \$20,000 from the Airport Authority's undesignated fund balance.

Voters also gave the Board of Selectmen approval to accept on behalf of the town a 17-acre parcel of riverside land in Bethel Station, "at a time deemed by the Board to be advantageous to the town."

Selectman Don Bennett said the land could eventually provide a pleasant, park-like setting for activities such as walking, biking and picnicking.

The only significant concern regarding the donation was the responsibility the town would also be accepting for a detention pond located on the parcel.

But Bennett said the town had been assured by state engineers that any maintenance would be minimal — as long as the catch basins in the runoff system that feeds the pond are properly maintained.

The town, which owns the system, already has in place a program of regular maintenance (pumping) for the catch basins.

So, there being — as Mike O'Donnell pointed out — no obvious reason not to, voters accepted the donation.

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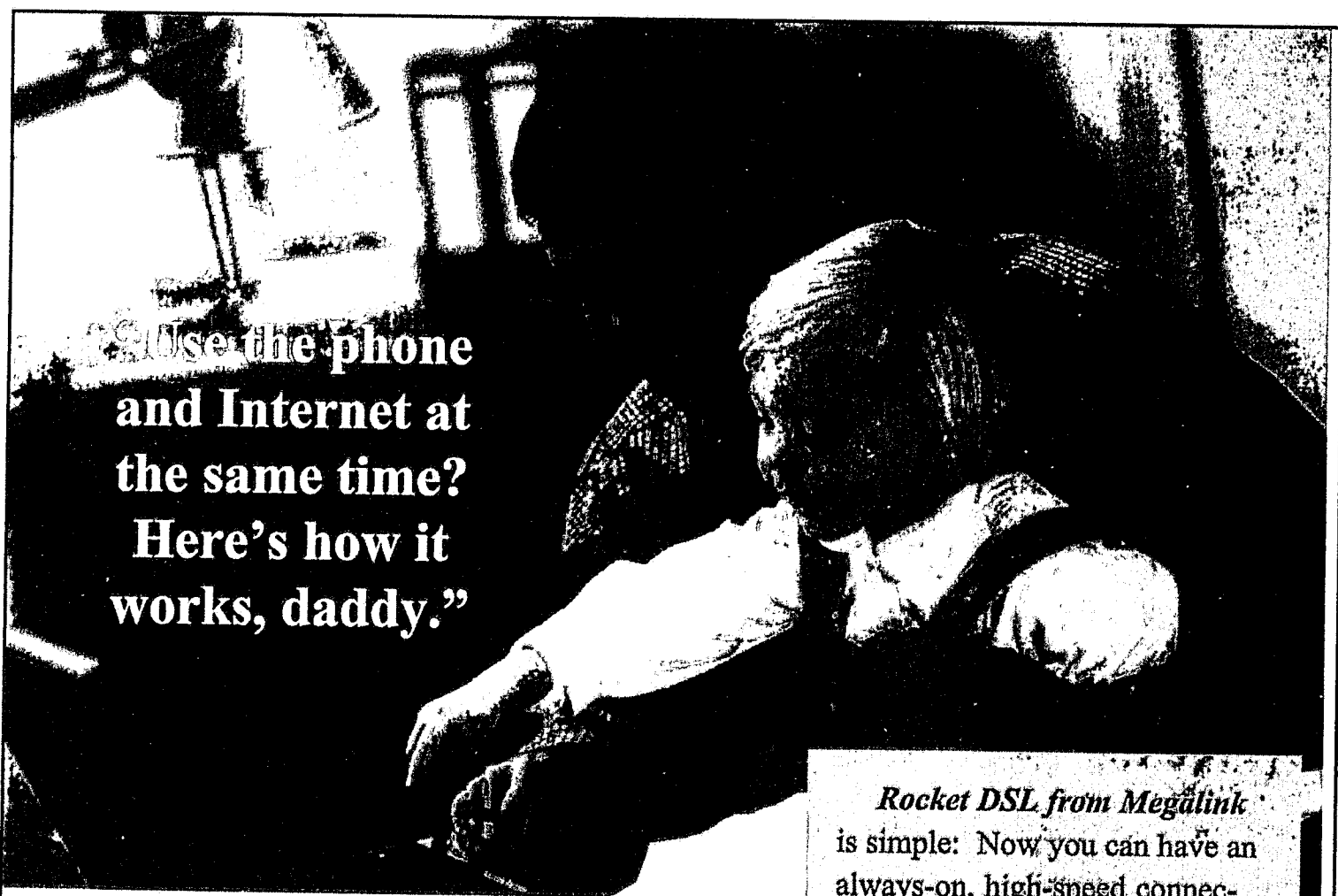
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Friday, Dec. 10

Kids' art in the village. Grades K-5 art from our public elementary schools displayed in area shop windows.

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun Valley Sports opens the new snowmobile season with guided snowmobile tours/rentals in the Bethel area. 824-7533.

5-7 p.m.

Children's Craft Activities at the Toy Shop at Philbrook Place, Main Street. 824-8697

Children's Cookie Decorating and Baking at Café DiCocoa. Cookies made with natural decorations. Main Street. 824-JAVA

Saturday, Dec. 11

All Day

Come to Mt. Mann Jewelers for jewelers demonstrations. Main Street. 824-3030

Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center's Ski and Snowshoe Demo Day and Skijoring Clinic. Try skijoring, being pulled on skis by sled dogs. Great family fun. 824-2410

Sunday River Ski Resort River Ride #1 (USASA Double Big Air). 824-3000

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Maine Line Products Christmas Open House at both stores. Refreshments, various unadvertised specials, free gift wrapping of all purchases, tours and Santa Claus at the Locke Mills store. Route 26, Locke Mills and Main Street, Bethel. 875-2522.

Noon-6 p.m.

Open House at the Good Food Store. Product sampling, holiday treats and seasonal recipes to share. Route 2. 824-3754

2-4 p.m.

Free wagon rides. Meet at the Bethel Fire Station. 824-2282

Saturday and Sunday

A "Ty" special event. Enjoy warm coca with our real live "Beanie Baby" visitors. Weekend specials on all "Ty" products. Beanie collectors will receive a free gift from the Village Sampler. Door prize drawing for the "1999 Holiday Teddy" and "The End" bear. Main Street 824-4438

Sunday, Dec. 12

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa at The Sudbury Inn. Santa will have a gift for each child. Main Street. 824-2174

4 p.m.

Mahoosuc Music Makers Concert at the West Parish Congregational Church. Church Street. 824-2556.

6 p.m.

Old-fashioned Christmas Carol & Hymn Sing at The Bethel Alliance Church. Route 26. 824-2289

Christmas program at Pleasant Valley Bible Church. West Bethel. 836-2828

Tuesday, Dec. 14

All Day

At Mt. Mann Jewelers Santa will stock the Crystal Cave in the wee hours and leave quality stones. A chance to mine a Christmas gift for that hard to buy person on your list. Main Street. 824-3030

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Create your own personal table-sized boxwood Christmas tree at Pooh Corner Farm workshop. \$35. Refreshments. Call to register. 836-FARM

Holiday Treats and Tidbits

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Instead of buying your tree already cut, get a forest permit and take time to go to the woods and pick one out. We have done this for the past ten years; we go the weekend after Thanksgiving.

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finding that perfect tree, and we usually pick out 15-30 before we find that special tree. Each year we find one that is better than last year's.

Barb McFaden
Gooseberry Patch

Candle Centerpiece*

For a really pretty centerpiece, place a white three-wick candle on a round platter. Place individual magnolia leaves flat around the candle with stem end in toward the candle. Alternate golden and red delicious apples on top of the magnolia leaves. Fill around the candle and in between the apples with boxwood and rose hips.



Simmering Citrus Potpourri*

1 orange, cut up
1 lemon, cut up
1/4 large cinnamon stick or
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

4 bay leaves
1/2 to 1 cup cloves
3 quarts water

Put ingredients in a pan on the stove. Heat until boiling and then simmer on low, low temperature for the rest of the day.

Add more water when needed.

Scented Mittens*

Fill a pair of mittens with potpourri. Join the mittens with a string or yarn, then hang them from the peg near your door for a cozy seasonal look and a welcome scent.



A Country Store in Your Nation

Ginger Pear Pie with Golden Raisins

Makes 8 servings

Note: The following recipe was provided by the Good Food Store in Bethel.

1/4 cup golden raisins	3 tbl. melted butter
1/4 cup plus 2 tbl. Minced crystallized ginger - about 2 1/2 ounces	2 tbl. quick-cooking tapioca
3 lbs. peeled, cored, sliced medium pears - 1/2-inch thick (about 7 pears)	1 tbl. fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup turbinado sugar	1 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
	1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
	2 pie shells
	1 egg
	2 tbl. milk

Combine raisins and ginger in heavy small saucepan. Add enough water to just cover. Simmer over low heat until liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Cool completely.

Position rack in lowest third of the oven and preheat to 400°F. Combine pears and next six ingredients in bowl. Stir in raisin mixture. Roll out one pie crust disk on a lightly floured surface to 13-inch round (about 1/4-inch thick). Roll up dough on

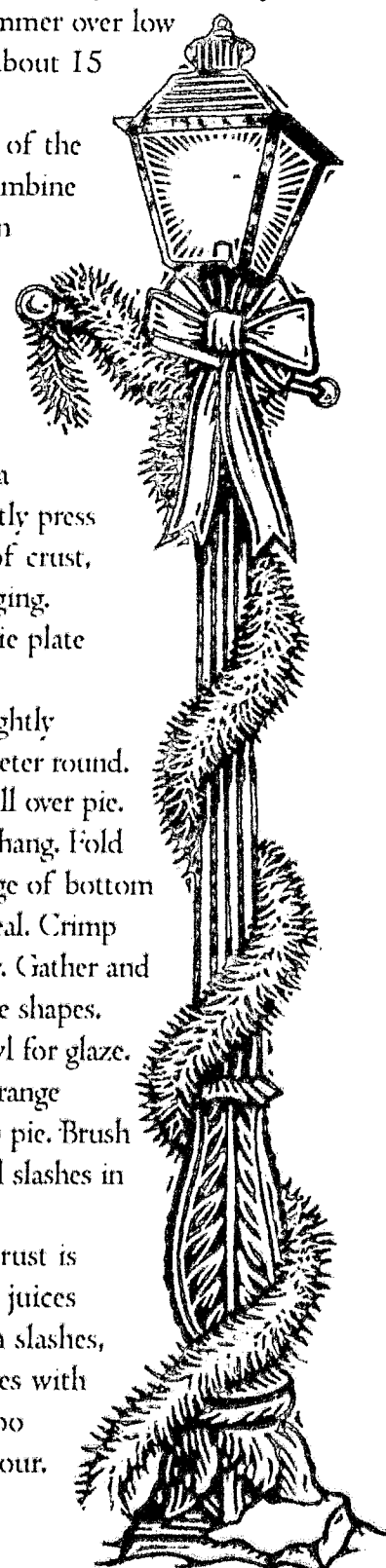
rolling pin and transfer to a 9-inch glass pie plate. Gently press into place. Trim edges of crust, leaving 1/4 inch overhanging.

Spoon pear mixture into pie plate mounding in the center.

Roll out second crust on a lightly floured surface to 13-inch diameter round. Roll up on rolling pin and unroll over pie. Trim edges, leaving 1/4-inch overhang. Fold overhang of top crust under edge of bottom crust. Pinch edges together to seal. Crimp edges to make decorative border. Gather and re-roll scraps. Cut out decorative shapes. Beat egg with milk in small bowl for glaze. Brush top of pie with glaze. Arrange dough cutouts decoratively atop pie. Brush cutouts with glaze. Make several slashes in top crust so steam can escape.

Bake pie until crust is golden brown and juices bubble up through slashes, covering crust edges with foil if browning too quickly, about 1 hour. Serve warm with

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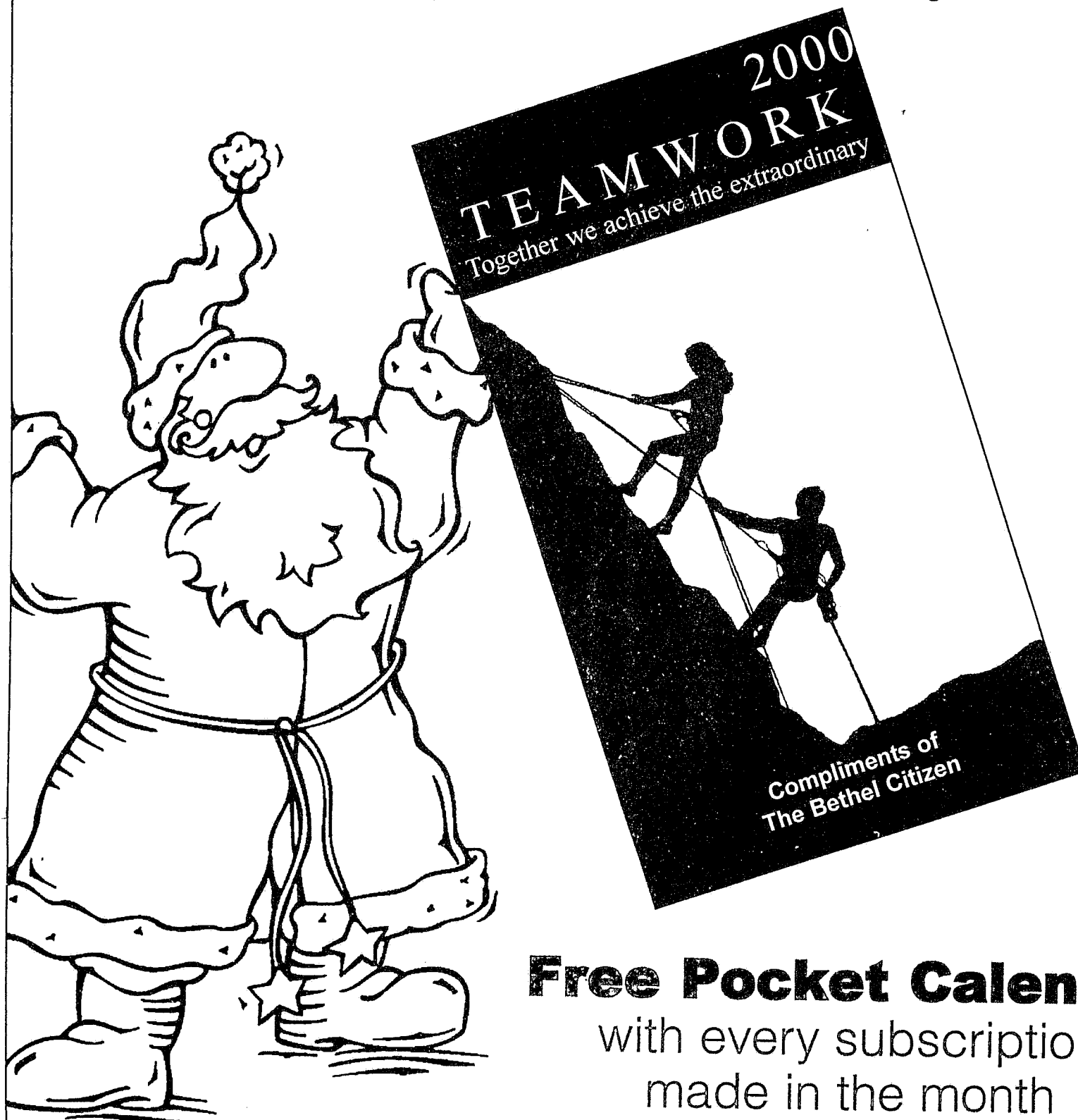
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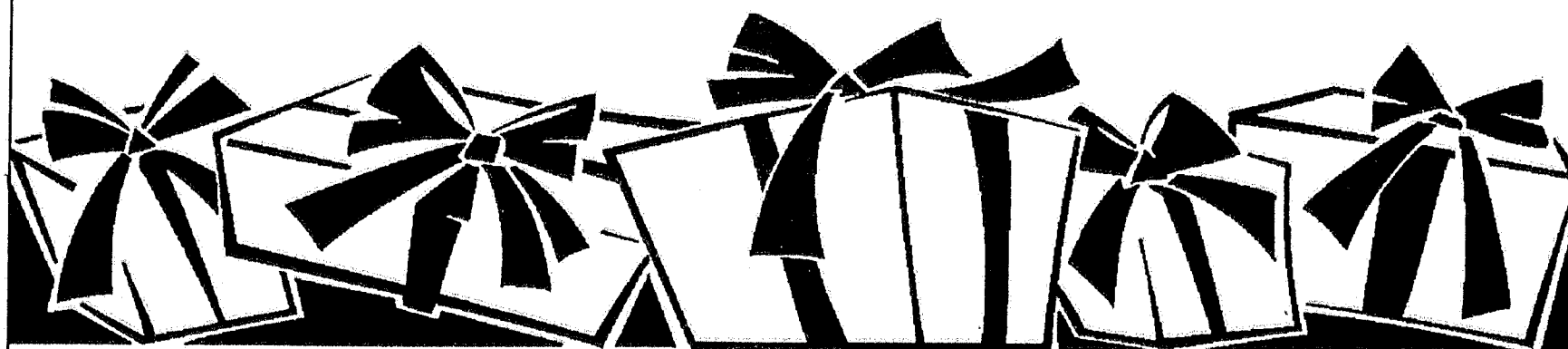
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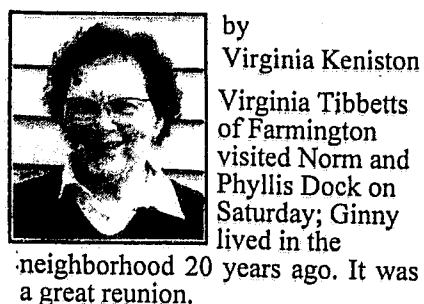


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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Virginia Tibbetts of Farmington visited Norm and Phyllis Dock on Saturday; Ginny lived in the

neighborhood 20 years ago. It was a great reunion.

Gwen Currier, Judy Barker's mother, formerly of Bethel, is at Norway Rehab, 42 Marion Avenue, Norway 04268. She fell recently and has a broken shoulder. She would love to hear from Bethel friends.

Linda Westleigh, owner of Linda's Country Flair, Flat Road, West Bethel, extends an invitation to all her customers to attend an Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Leland "Mike" Brown has been elected as an Honorary Trustee to Rumford Community Hospital. He served for 29 years as a trustee of the hospital, 12 years as a trustee of Rumford Home Corp. and 10 years as a trustee of Rumford Consolidated Health Services.

Eva Perry is a surgical patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

Channel IV, Bethel's local TV station, certainly shows much improvement lately. The subject matter and quality of broadcasts show we have some dedicated local talent working on behalf of the viewers.

Jane Grover, formerly of Bethel, has been in the hospital for six weeks. She is much improved and is now at the Rumford Community Home, P.O. Box 430, Rumford, ME 04276. She would like to hear from her friends.

Julia Brown, Chapman Street, Bethel, observed her 90th birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Julia was a telephone operator for many years for the Van Den Kerckhoven Telephone Company.

Gene Grant, a summer resident of Bethel, had a mini stroke and is on his way to recovery at a rehabilitation center. He hopes to be home by the end of this week. Cards should be sent to his home address: 1208 SW Sand Oak Drive, Palm City, FL 34990.

Attending "Christmas in a Small Town" at the Second Congregational Church in Norway last Sunday were Persis Post, Arlene Lyon, Becky Kendall, Dottie Bartlett, Rachel MacKay, Arlene Lowell, and Polly Davis. As always, it was outstanding. Tickets to the show were Christmas gifts from Becky Kendall.

The Taste of Bethel at Telstar cafeteria was great; "Angus Snowman" was beautiful; then on to tea and craft sale at the West Parish Congregational Church. It seemed everyone was out to these festivities.

Don Murphy has taken over duties as Bethel's Code Enforcement Officer.

The entire town is radiant with Christmas decorations and pre-holiday enthusiasm.

The Bethel House
by Ruth Cummings
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Jordan, Abbie and Michaela entertained the following on Thanksgiving Day: Mary Heall of Falmouth; Bonnie and Jerry Heall of Yarmouth; Whitney Walsh of the

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Washington, D.C. area; Jerilyn, Keith and Taylor Buckalew; Raymond, Rhonda, Darcie and Warren Buker all of Newry; Sonny and Nancy Cummings of the Sunday River Road and Ruth Cummings of the Bethel House. Everyone certainly seemed to enjoy themselves and I know I had a great time. Of course there was plenty to eat even before dinner. Folks started in on crackers, cheese, pickles, olives, a taco salad, and such things. Mary Heall and I played a game of cribbage. She beat me but I was close behind her, and we had lots of fun and too much to eat. I brought home some of the goodies, too.

Dottie Bean had Thanksgiving out with friends.

Rodney and Kathleen Hanscom entertained a large crowd at their home on the Intervale Road.

I have been at Wayne and Becky's many times through the years, but I had never had a better time than I did yesterday. The crowd at Wayne and Becky's ranged in ages from 8 to 85.

Rebecca Ricker had dinner and supper with Mildred Newell at Market Square Health Care Facility on Thanksgiving Day.

Barbara Gallant brought me some pie Friday and visited awhile.

Several weeks there were some

sayings in our church bulletin and here are a couple. "Funny how big a \$10 bill looks when we take it to church, but so small when we take it to the mall. Funny how we sing about heaven but live only for today."

Now I have another one. It is funny that so many can neglect you while you are living and do not even have time to make a short phone call or a short visit or just send them a card or a note. But when they pass away some of these same folks would travel miles to pay their respects.

Lillian Machia was a Thanksgiving Day guest of relatives in Harrison.

The Rev. David Larsen was guest speaker at the Bethel Alliance Church on the Nov. 28. He had a very nice sermon. There was a very large attendance. Many lovely hymns and choruses were sung and Judy Webster was at the piano.

Among the hymns were, "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "Have Thine Own Way."

Marie Barker is at Market Square Health Center, 3 Market Square, South Paris, ME 04281.

Drew Webster took Lillian Machia to Togus on Monday to see her husband, Linwood.

Hello, Hazel F. I am glad that

you enjoy my column.

Krista was around Sunday afternoon delivering fruit baskets from the Bethel Alliance Church to senior citizens and she came back later with her friend and her friend's dog. The young ladies sang Christmas carols for us.

Hello, Elsie at Market Square. Hope you are gaining all the time.

Vada Glover visited me on Tuesday as usual. We played 10 games of cribbage and she gained on me. Now in 470 games I am only two ahead.

We went to Ketner's for medicine, to Ames and we ate at Shaner's.

We saw Irene Russell and her daughter, Nancy, at Ames. Irene said she is doing just fine.

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West Paris



by Miriam Inman

In last week's news item I neglected to say that our next door neighbor was rototilling his garden the day before Thanksgiving. Unusual? Don't think he will be doing that every year.

Vince and Beverly Stevens had Thanksgiving with Bev's sister, Meriel, and her husband, Stephen Bunker, in Barrington, N.H. Also attending were mother Georgia Thayer, Lena Dean, Ann Long and Darcy Robertson.

Diane and Thane Inman and Ray, from Englishtown, N.J., visited Vince and Beverly Stevens. Ray is Beverly's grandson.

Joyce Lamb had Thanksgiving dinner with Avis Stelthorn at Ledgeview Living Center.

Ricky and Linda Chase entertained for Thanksgiving: Dee Dee Chase; Rachel and Nestor Ruokola, Lisa and Katey; Karen with Chris and Amanda; Angie Durgin with Natey and Kelsey; Randy, Wendy and Rebecca Chase; Chad Chase and Bobby Jo.

On Saturday, Vince and Beverly Stevens had Thanksgiving for Vince's family. Also present were Lena Dean, Stacey Tilley and Dustin.

Ginny Aridas had Thanksgiving dinner for her parents, Vern and Miriam Inman, sister Vicki and her husband Sandy Sanborn and Brant and Caroline, and brother Walter, Kim and Walter, Jr.

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Marshall earned his master's degree in hotel administration from Cornell University. He lives in Bethel with his wife, Ellen, and their three children.

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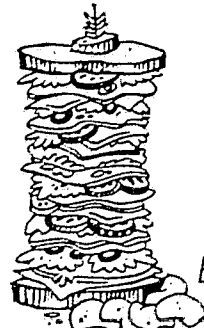
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East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Lacey Hebert was on the honor list for the 12th grade at Telstar Regional High School.

Alder River Grange will hold a regular meeting on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be soup or chowder served before the meeting at 6 p.m. Bring canned or dry goods for Christmas presents for the food pantry.

Florence Hastings went with Bettyann Hastings on Dec. 5 to Corinna to see Jeff and Cathy Hastings and to see Justin and his sister in the school program.

Avis Moore and Brandon Moore went to Livermore for Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Smith and children of Island Falls, and Sean Smith of Bucksport had Thanksgiving with Arlene Harrington.

Dave and Holly Currier and son, Caleb, had Thanksgiving with Archie and Dixie MacDonald in Oxford.

Donna and Jim Bernard of Andover and Gary Smith of Rumford visited Polly Smith on Dec. 5.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala visited Doug Honkala and family in Riverdale, Md., and Kristi Honkala in Falls Church, Va., for Thanksgiving. They had a very good trip and returned on Dec. 2.

Jack and Tricia Chappie and children and Jeannie Chappie had Thanksgiving in Massachusetts, with family there.

been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

The candidates must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

Don't forget that this Saturday, Dec. 11, there will be a Craft Fair at the Andover Fire Station.

The hours are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Santa will arrive at 1 p.m.

Congratulations to Sadie (Gallant) and Scott Sirois. They are the proud parents of baby Julia Elizabeth, who was born on Dec. 2. David and Adrienne Gallant of Andover are the proud maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Sirois of Rumford are the proud paternal grandparents.

As of Dec. 15 anyone without a dump sticker will not be able to use the Andover Transfer Station. There will be no exceptions. Residents of Andover may pick up their free stickers at the Town Office. Please don't give the dump attendants a hard time about this -- they are only following orders.

You would be amazed at the number of out-of-towners who read The Citizen. People who have moved away, people in exile that want to keep in touch with what is going on in our town. I recently received a note, way overdue I might add, about a former resident



HONORED--Tri-Town Rescue recently honored three members for outstanding service. Shown above, at the organization's annual meeting are, l to r: Viola Whitman, outstanding service for ambulance personnel; Annella Burnham, outstanding service for service dispatchers; and Peggy Theofrastau, outstanding service for auxiliary.

(Photo by Jane Chandler)

of Andover who turned 16 on Halloween. Miranda celebrated her "Sweet Sixteenth" with a limo ride to a haunted house and then went to dinner in downtown Atlanta, Ga., with seven of her friends.

Speaking of birthdays, today, Dec. 5, my eldest son, Brian, turned 35. I can't believe that he is sooooo old. It seems that it was only last

September that he started first grade, and only last June that he graduated from high school. I am, of course, very proud of him and all that he has accomplished. I don't know if I was prouder when I saw him walk for the first time, big grin on his face, or when I saw him walk up to the podium to receive his degree from Harvard, same big

grin on his face. He has, along with his brother Tom, been the constant joy of my life. Happy Birthday, Brian.

Anyone interested in planning the Memorial Day Service for the town should please call the Town Office at 392-3302. I know it isn't even Christmas yet, but we have to plan ahead.

I want to thank the people who were responsible for decorating the gazebo on the Town Common. Vickie and Marshall Meisner were two of them. I don't know anybody else's name, but it really looks wonderful. Good job, well done. I thought I would miss the big Christmas tree, but I think the gazebo looks even better.

Who would attend a corroboree? An Australian Aborigine, that's who.

Who is in the Guinness Book of Records with the biggest feet in the world?

Upton



by Eleanor LeCompte

It looks more like Easter than the Christmas season in Upton. The grass is very green and it gives

you the impression that the leaves are about to come out. Not so my friend. Do not get faked out by this semitropical illusion. The real winter is just around the corner.

Christmas decorations and lights are appearing all over town. Sue Nelson has hung two beautiful wreaths on the church doors. Simone Lavalley always has impressive decorations on the Ladies Aide Building. The town has placed a large, lighted wreath on the school building. All we need to complete the picture is a good dose of snow.

Colds are rampant in town. We are thinking of putting a curfew on the fairs and good times in Bethel, since we suspect, like "Typhoid Mary," they are the source of infection. Nevertheless, the ladies head out to some tea or craft sale each

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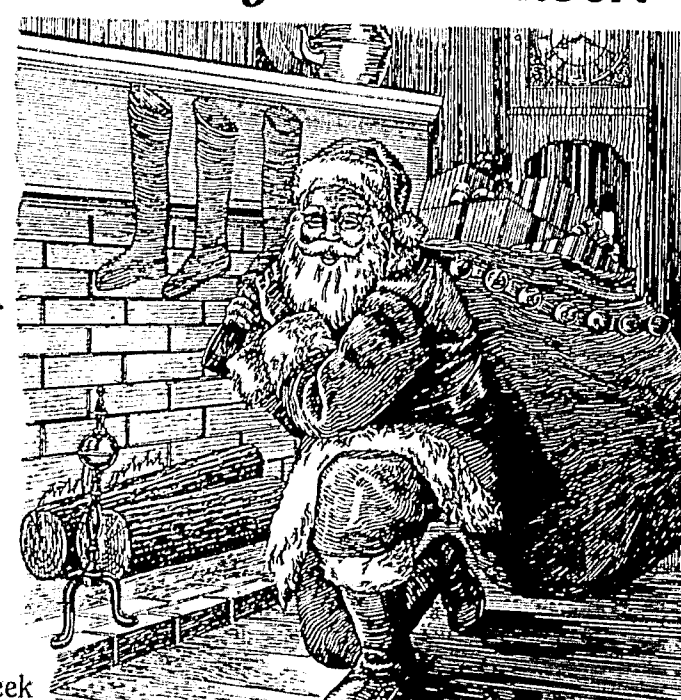
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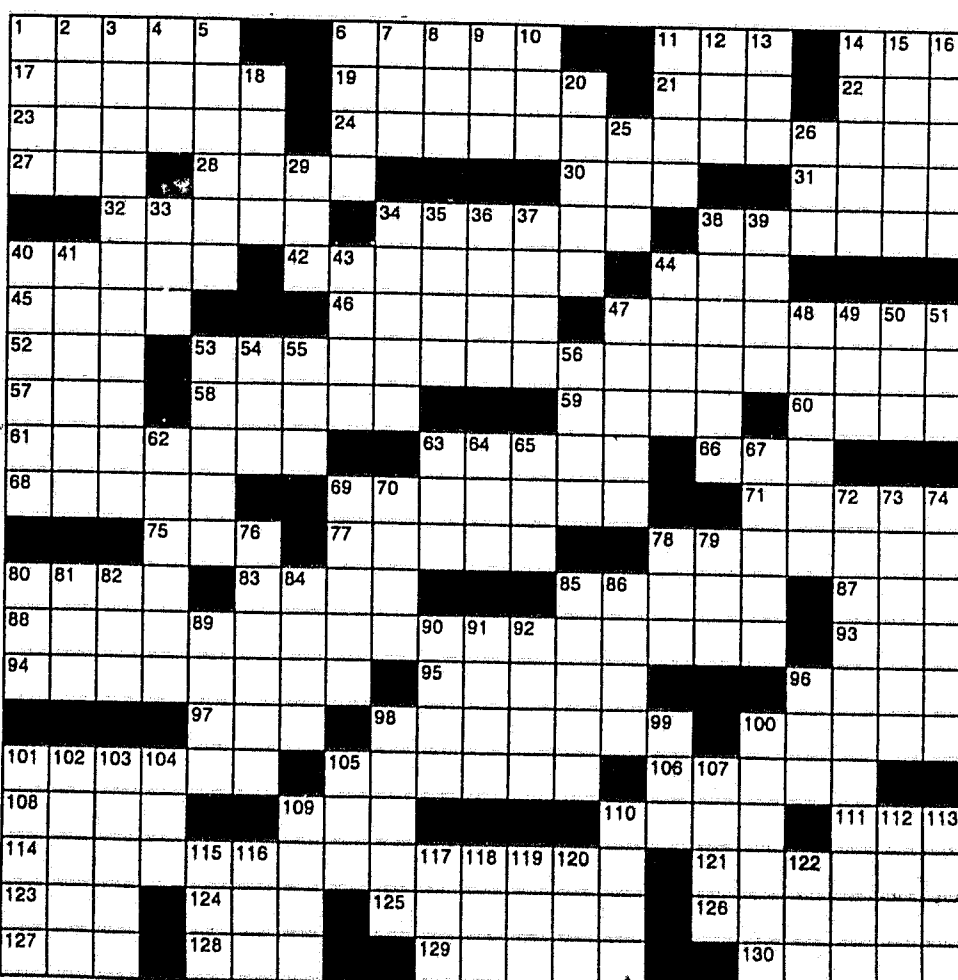
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12, missionary to Russia Paul Smith will be giving an update on his ministry during the evening service. On Dec. 19, the Sunday School Christmas Program will be in the morning service and the choir's Christmas Cantata will be held during the evening service.

Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet for a regular meeting, second nomination and Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 13, at the Grange Hall. There will be a tasting party.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 15, for their Christmas party at 1 p.m. at the home of Alice Hoyt. There will be an exchange of gifts and a tasting party.

Forty-three Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills for their Christmas dinner and party on Thursday. A delicious dinner was served by the auxiliary. Songs were sung and there was an exchange of gifts. Canned goods for the food pantry and toys for children were brought by the members.

The Historical Society's Christmas meeting, on Dec. 11, starts with a potluck supper (potluck) at 6 p.m. followed by exchange of gifts, on Dec. 11. Men are to bring a gift for a man and women for a woman.

Curator Larry Billings has given the Historical Society an advertising sign, a metal cutout of a rooster, a small ship in a bottle, a reproduction of an antique pistol, a very rare plate and wall hanger and a rare tray.

The Historical Society strongly recommends that you get one of Ruby Emery's wonderful little books, "A History of Woodstock." They are a very modest \$4 each but give a remarkable overview of the town. Ruby was very dedicated to recording our area's history and spent countless hours doing research. The society is proud to have published this booklet. Much of Ruby's research has lately been used in articles in the Lewiston Sun on Saturday, submitted by Mary Billings and Kathleen Bean. Everyone learns from Ruby's work.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
Owing to my work, I've been doing my daily walk about in Downtown Portland. Watching people roaming the streets looking lost or wary is a real eye opener. Elderly women are afraid to make eye contact, lest I be a mugger. This is daytime, between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. Others walk aimlessly; some talking to themselves, some shouting as they walk along; many dressed inappropriately for the weather. My best guess is that these are the former AMHI residents or others dumped on the streets of Portland without adequate community support.

Meanwhile, back at the office, instead of answering their phones, people wait to find out, via their caller ID boxes, who is calling. They then call back and demand to know, "why'd you call me?" without being willing to identify themselves by name, afraid to give any information whatsoever. Whoever answers the phone at the office, is left to determine the person who originally made the call. With five people making perhaps 5 to 20 calls per day, it is almost impossible to identify the caller. It makes me all the more happy to live rurally where your neighbors may know your business, but they will cover your back when you need it.

This was brought home even more when I visited Bradley to see how he was doing, pay the rent and buy eggs. He appeared to be well cared for, with Ramsey, Danny and others taking up the slack -- cook-

ing, cleaning, and even doing the laundry. Travis was about, too, although I didn't see him, just his truck and his dog. In a city, even one as small as Portland, it is much more of a mentality -- "What's in it for me?" and people are less apt to take care of each other.

The threat of snow last week sent people in Portland into a near panic, upsetting the turnout at my forum. People said they were afraid they wouldn't get home. This brought to mind a woman I knew in Portland, almost 30 years ago. A Portland native, she stopped driving, each year, with the fall of the first snowflake. It is amazing to me how people can live in Maine for years and not know how to drive in the snow. I find that here, too. Witness the skier accidents caused by drivers not willing or able to adjust their speed or style to account for the snow and ice. SUV drivers are the worst, they assume they are invincible. In Portland, since they wait till midnight to plow the streets, it is like bumper cars as one makes one's way through the streets. Give me rural driving any day. No, I don't guess I'll be moving to Portland any time soon. The distance I travel may be a lot, but when I get home, at least I know I can sleep without sirens blaring and lights shining in my eyes. I know I'll make it if the power goes out. I'll always have my wood stove for heat and for cooking if necessary.

That's enough rambling for this week. Drive safely and have a good week.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing
Phelps and Joan Poland have returned from a trip to Mobile, Ala., for a visit with their daughter, Joanna, and granddaughter and family, Amy and Dan Bru and their son, Logan. After spending some time in Alabama, they traveled to South Carolina for a visit with their grandson, Andrew Merrill and Lissa. Also traveling to South Carolina were Phil and Terry Merrill, who flew down to have Thanksgiving with everyone. They had a good time and are now all back in Maine for a while.

Tommy Poland spent Thanksgiving dinner with Mike and Sandra Monzo and family. After dinner, some of the family joined them for pies and dessert. They included: Denny and Debbie Poland, Sherri Poland, Rachel and Kyle Curtis, Tracy Poland and family.

Jessie Hart and Josh Kennison spent Thanksgiving evening with Alicia and Mike Taylor. They had all the fixings and had a late dinner, as almost everyone had to work that day.

Ed and Leatrice Record entertained Kellie and Brad Record, Jenny and Linsey, Doug and Julie Record, Sarah Hart, Phil and Zachary Lynch, Shane and Artimus Record, and Jessie Hart came for a while in the afternoon.

Jessie Hart went to her grandparents, Pat and Earl Hart, for a belated Thanksgiving, the Saturday after. Also spending the day with them were Ozzie and Joy Hart and Vic Hart.

Richard and I went to Bridgton for dinner with Rick and Sally Wing and family on Thursday.

Doug Wing gave us the update on his going to Oxford University in England next January. Attending, also, were Ryan Wing and Marissa and Sally's sons and girlfriends. We had a very good time.

Hazel Dillingham visited me one day recently and brought up a collection of memories of our brother, Leon L. Poland Jr., who was killed in Vietnam. She has done a wonderful job and included some interesting items. Hazel had been up to Junior's grave with some flowers. Junior would have been 53 years old on Dec. 1.

Murrill and Elizabeth Blazier had their two sons, Jim Goff from Old Orchard and Bill Goff and Cory from Rumford for Thanksgiving. Elizabeth said they had a nice quiet day.

Each year the Forestdale School in South Woodstock puts on a Thanksgiving dinner for parents and grandparents of children in the school. Claribel Poland received a prize for being the oldest grandmother there. Claribel said they really put on a wonderful meal and did a good job.

Claribel Poland had dinner on Thursday with Leon and Rosalie Poland. After dinner, they went to North Norway and visited with Donna Koshiba and family, then to Lloyd Poland's where they visited for a while with the family, and last to Kenny Poland's home. Claribel received calls from Lani Bertrum and Beverly Dayton, both from Florida, during the day.

Perfect attendance at WES this term were Shaun Baker, Ciara Nadeau, Desirae Cox, William Demarest, Joshua Campbell, Kara Thurlow and Alan Hadley.

Larry Billings, curator of Woodstock Historical Society, reports that Angie Barker gave the museum some nice Depression glass recently. Also, Eleanor Tracy loaned the society some photos of the conservation camp to copy, as the society is thinking of doing a story on it. Thanks to both.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that insurance is something that keeps you poor all your life so that you can die rich."

North Newry



by Gil Seeley
Call to worship was held at the Newry Community Church on Nov. 28 at 9 a.m. with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. The prelude was by Jay Hanscom and responsive reading by the pastor. The message of the day was "A Promise and a Warning" from Isaiah 11:2, "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." A prayer followed and hymns, benediction and postlude, amen.

The Newry Mothers Club invites all members to the annual Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. This will be a potluck. Please bring an exchange gift and food item for the pantry. See you there.

Here is a prayer for all who are ill and need God's help.
"God of our hearts, designer and

creator of the body in which I dwell ... In and through which I live and move and have my being, help me to realize that anything less than perfect which has manifested or does manifest in this body, has been the result of wrong thinking and wrong operation of Your universal laws. Should my body have been imperfect at birth, it has still been the result of human causations and not by any divine decree. Help me to realize that Your creative power, which fashioned this body, is still resident in my mind, ready to serve me at any time of need; that I, as a creature of free will, now have control of this power, and may direct it for my own good or ill, dependent upon the nature and character of my thoughts and feelings. In full realization of this, I call upon Your creative power within me to correct and eliminate any and all body imperfections, as I do so. I know that recreation is taking place in every cell and nerve and gland and tissue and organ, in direct accordance with the degree of my vision and faith." Amen.

P.S. Someone called me and asked me to write a prayer for a person who is very ill and reads my column.

"Never deprive someone of hope; it may be all they have."

Service Notes

PVT. WALTER DRAKUS

Army Private Walter J. Drakus has graduated from the heavy-duty vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the course, the soldier learned to perform unit maintenance on heavy duty vehicles, including prime movers designated as more than five tons and associated trailers, such as crane, hoist and winch assemblies, and material handling equipment; performed maintenance and repaired systems, chassis, and assemblies pertaining to brake, ignition, engine, electrical, axle, hydraulic, transmission, suspension, wheel and steering.

Drakus is the son of Walter J. and Patricia E. Drakus of 519 Main Street, Andover, and grandson of John J. and Pauline O'Leary of Rumford. He is a 1999 graduate of Telstar Regional High School.

PVT. AMBER SHANNON

Army Pvt. Amber M. Shannon has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. The course of instruction included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During AIT, the soldier was trained to be a bridge crewmember and learned to operate bridge trucks, light vehicles and bridge erection boats; prepare bridge sites and handle shore lines; assist in rafting operations and assembly of military bridges and installation of overhead anchorage system components; launch and retrieve ribbon bridge bays; prepare and install demolition firing systems, and arm and disarm land mines.

Shannon is the daughter of Kim R. Shannon of Bethel and adopted daughter of Julie A. Newton of Gorham, N.H.



SCOTTISH MUSICIANS CAROL CLARK AND GEORGE WORTHLEY will be one of eight choices of entertainment at four locations available at the annual New Year's Bethel event on Dec. 31. This family-oriented, chemical-free event, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society with assistance from the Mahoosuc Arts Council and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature a wide variety of entertainment for all tastes and ages. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with the lighted vehicle parade and the igniting of the community bonfire. Performances ranging from New Orleans jazz to Maine humor will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a food court for snacks at the Dr. Moses Mason House and fireworks at midnight will cap the end of the 1990s. Tickets are available at the Bethel Historical Museum Shop on Broad Street, at The Citizen office and at Main Line Products in Locke Mills. For further information, please call 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

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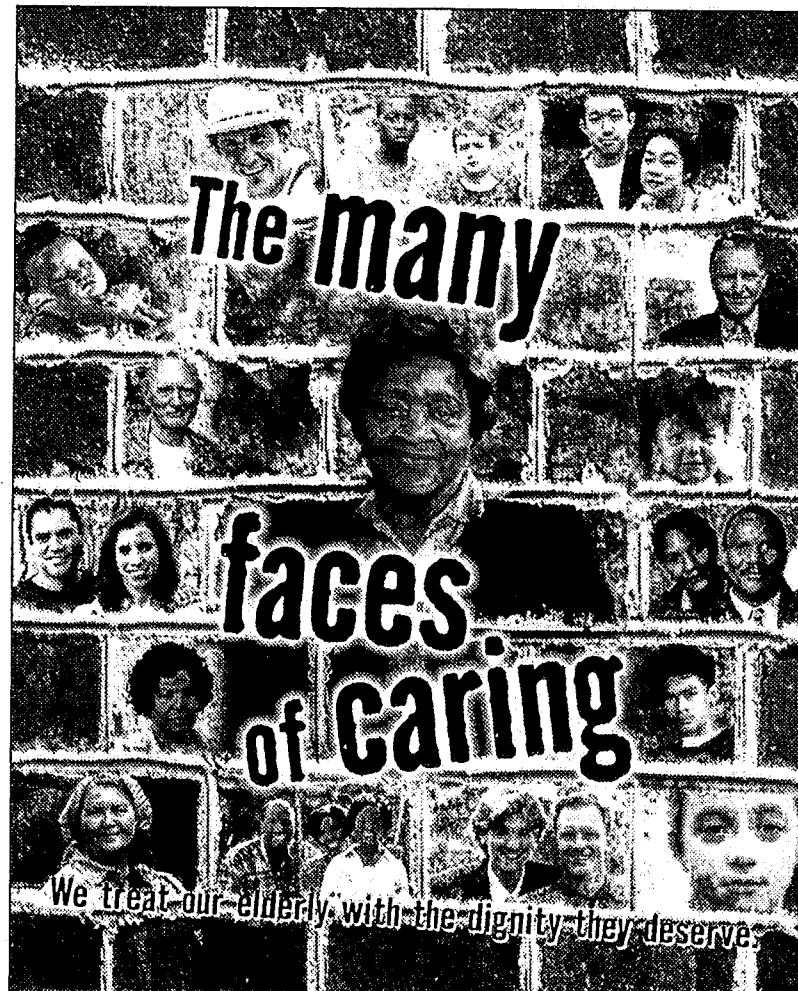
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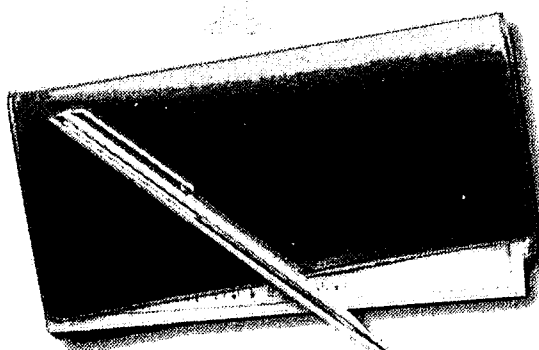
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Honors--Elizabeth Beebe, Erin Choromanski, Talia Connery, Andrew Drummond, Houston Dupre, Jonathan Gould, Alexandra Greenberg, Geoffrey Hayward, Tyler Katzenberg, Michael Lee, Matthew Lewis, Matthew Linn, Katherine Nichols, Marty Odlin, Joong-Hoon Park, Emily Parsons, Dean Powers, Sarah Rackliffe, Nell Rier, Natalie Rodenberg, Adrien Smith.

GRADE 11
High honors--Elizabeth Baribeau, Robert Bruce, Katherine Davisson.

Honors--Jodi Curry, Emily Drummond, Meg Favreau, Timothy Hall, Christopher Liberti, Thomas Parsons, Sarah Reed, Andreas Rentsch, William Schmitt, David Shimazu, Kevin Wright.

GRADE 10
High honors--Caroline Coombs, Ryan Linn, Chelsea Marshall, Katie McCann.

Honors--Jodi Bearse, Brian Broderick, Adora Burke, Emmett Donovan, Ethan Elliott-Williams, Jennessa Fitzpatrick, Kevin Hanian, Matthew McCawley, Meghan McClure, Matthew Mewton, Mark Paaso, Yeon Seok Park, Kate Warner, Ryan Wheeler, Cory Wood.

GRADE 9
High honors--Shula Bien, Anne Colpitts, Lauren Jacobs, Anthony Liberti, Samantha Olney.

Honors--Craig Angevine, Christine Casey, Zeke Davisson, Martha Gray, Ashley Hautaniemi, Charles Hoyt, Caitlin Kennett, Cassandra Mason, Leo Menard, Benjamin Morrill, William Murphy, Ashley Oliver, Kane Olson, Lee Reeve, Daniel Tutor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit events for the Community Calendar, you may bring in your copy to The Bethel Citizen or call the office at 824-2444, by noon on Mondays.



BALLET-GOERS--A group of 31 Gould Academy students and faculty spent the past weekend in Boston as the guests of Spanish teacher Doug Alford's family. In addition to sightseeing and shopping, they attended Saturday evening's performance of the Boston Ballet's Nutcracker at the Wang Center. Shown here are (from left): Emily Drummond, Adrien Smith, Sarah Marshall, Juliana Montgomery, Emily Parsons and Reid Bullens-Crewe.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF DEC. 13

SAD44 Middle/High Breakfast Program
Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Middle and High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program

Monday: Hamburger/bun, steamed broccoli, cheese slice, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, green beans, honey, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, bread/butter, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey, mashed potato, sliced carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce cake with w/cream, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Ham, pancake w/syrup, assorted fruit juice, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program

Monday: Hamburger/bun, steamed broccoli, potato chips, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, green beans, honey, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, bread/butter, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey, mashed potato/gravy, sliced carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce cake with w/cream, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Ham, pancake w/syrup, assorted fruit juice, toast, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Agnes Gray School



by
Marta Clements

We are receiving some very positive feedback about our three-way parent, teacher, child

conferences held in November. We will continue to work toward improving communications with parents and children.

Applications are available for the Christmas for Kids program. This program is meant to assure that every child has a gift on Christmas Day. There are guidelines for qualifying for the program. Income information and social security numbers are needed for the application. Christmas for Kids is a project of Rightstart, a nonprofit organization serving the needs of children in the Oxford Hills. Applications are available at Community Concepts, Market Square, South Paris.

Another program of interest to parents is the Kare for Kids program, which provides coats and other clothing for children who otherwise would receive little or nothing. There are guidelines, limited to children up through age 12, and a registration application available. Contact Terry Merrill or Greg Grigsby at the Agnes Gray School, or Wendy Williams, Sun Room, Suite 1600, Oxford Mini-Mall, Oxford, ME 04270.

December dates to make note of include:

Dec. 14, Parent Teacher Volunteer meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, we will be having our annual Christmas Concert, with all grades participating.

ing. The time will be 6:30 p.m. and it will be in the gym. If it snows again, we will try for Monday, Dec. 20. There will be standing room only, but you don't want to miss it.

On Friday, Dec. 17, there will be a Santa's workshop for kids. All classes have been working on making crafts, and on the 17th a craft fair will be set up for children to buy presents to take home. The charges will be in the 25 to 50 cent range.

Classroom parties will be held on Dec. 21. This will allow an extra day before vacation in case of a storm day. If the 21st is a storm day, the party will be held on the 22nd. Most classes will be exchanging gifts.

The last day of school will be Wednesday, Dec. 22, and we will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.

The fifth grade has been involved in major fund raising for our Boston trip. Right now we are accepting donations for a chance to win a Beanie Baby Bear. Four Beanie Bears have been donated: Wallace, Osito, Halo and Kicks. The drawing will be on Dec. 17. Check with any fifth grader if you are interested.

The second graders are learning about many December holidays including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. They are mastering addition facts about numbers up to 18.

Grades four, five and six enjoyed a very informative program called, Safety City, given by Brad Kaheri of Central Maine Power. The main focus was on electricity and safety. We already knew a lot of the safety situations, but it was good to review, and we did learn lots of new stuff also. Many thanks to Mr. Kaheri and CMP.

Happy holidays.

1999-2000 Telstar High/Middle School Snowboarding Schedule

Jan. 12	2 p.m.	Half Pipe Competition at Sunday River
Jan. 26	2 p.m.	Big Air at Kents Hill School
Feb. 2	2 p.m.	Boarder Cross at Sunday River
Feb. 9	2 p.m.	Big Air at Sunday River
Feb. 16	7 p.m.	Half Pipe at Sunday River

U.S. Amateur Snowboard Assoc. events (all events at Sunday River):

Dec. 11	River Ride #1 (USASA Slope Style)
Jan. 29	Swatch Palmer Boardercross #1 (USASA)
Jan. 29	River Ride #2 (USASA Half Pipe)
Feb. 19	Swatch Palmer Boardercross #2 (USASA)
Feb. 20	River Ride #3 (USASA Slope Style)
Mar. 18	River Ride #4 (USASA Slope Style)
April 8	River Ride #5 (USASA Half Pipe)
April 8	Swatch Palmer Boardercross #3 (USASA)

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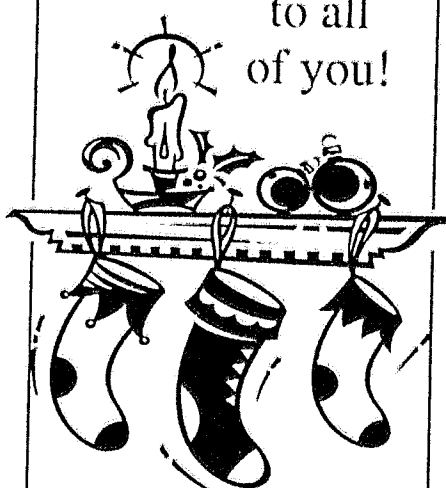
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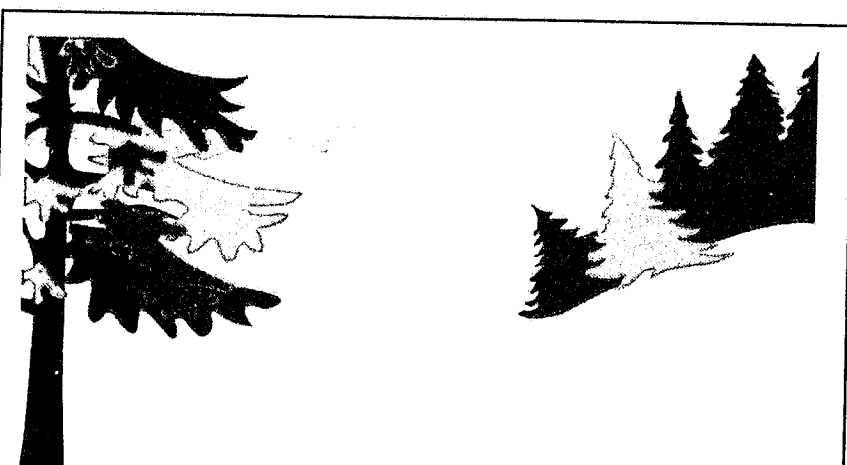
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The lineup: seniors Sara Papaik (guard/forward, captain), Katrine Burgi (forward, captain), Jessica Walker (forward), Amy Hebert (guard); juniors Lindsey Brown (guard/forward), Amber Bachelder (forward), Carrie Danforth (forward/center); sophomores Mariah Seames (guard, captain), Anna Willard (guard), Rebecca Swan (center), Katie Wight (guard); and freshman Lauren Hart (center/forward). The manager is Stephanie Withey. (There is no junior varsity team this season, due to lack of numbers.)

"We're small and we're inexperienced," said Harris, with only four veterans returning from last year's varsity team.

But Harris will pursue his coaching philosophy of building skills slowly throughout the season, rather than trying to do too much too soon.

"I want them to still be growing in February," he said. "By some time in early January I expect we'll be fairly a tough team to beat."

He said the team will try to "run when it's there, but when it's not there, we'll be deliberate and look for good shots."

Cross-country skiing

With a combination of returning veterans and three promising freshmen, the Telstar boys' cross-country team has the potential to surprise a few teams, says coach Gary Wight.

Returning skiers include seniors Per Sandstrom and Colin Reuter and sophomores Jared Howe, Jay Hanscom and Joel Doyon.

The freshmen additions include Brian Zinchuk, John Reuter and Fred Bailey.

Colin Reuter was a Mountain Valley Conference All-Star last season, and is returning for his last year "really serious about skiing," said Wight.

He can expect some competition from John, who is expected to push his older brother hard, said Wight.

Zinchuk may do some pushing of his own, added Wight, and Bailey "is a kid who doesn't quit."

The freshmen placed high consistently in races during their middle school careers.

Wight also expects improvement from the sophomores, who were new to the sport last year.

With that combination of skiing talent, some of Telstar's opponents may be in for a surprise this season, said Wight.

The girls' team also features returning veterans and a couple of promising freshmen. "The girls' team is looking a lot better," said Wight, whose previous squad could not score as a team because they lacked the four minimum skiers.

Senior Erica Gunderson, an MVC All-Star last year, will return for her last season and, like Colin Reuter, likely push herself pretty hard, said Wight. She is joined by fellow-senior Jen Shaw.

Sophomore Annah Kennett, a transfer from Gould, "ought to help a lot," said Wight. Also returning this season is sophomore Shonna Young. A third sophomore, Nikki Roberts, is new to the sport.

There are two freshmen on the team, Sarah Gamble and Heather Zimmerman.

In the case of both boys and girls,

Wight is still waiting to get a better handle on the newer skiers' potential. The first meet scheduled was canceled due to lack of snow, and a second planned for this weekend doesn't look promising, either. "We've got a team, now all we need is snow," said Wight.

Alpine skiing

In alpine, the Rebels' girls' and boys' teams are in very different places - the girls feature returning veterans while the boys are looking to rebuild after losing four strong skiers to graduation.

The returning girls include seniors Becky LaVallee and Gail Aloisio and junior Stephanie Vaughan.

Vaughan and LaVallee led the Rebels to the Class A state championship in giant slalom last season,

with Vaughan winning the individual titles in both giant slalom and slalom.

LaVallee placed third individually in the state competitions.

Newcomers include senior Jen Shaw and freshmen Jessica Adams and Heather Zimmerman.

The boys' team numbers a healthy 10, but only junior Justin Wight and sophomores Seth Howe and Jay Aloisio return from last season. New faces include junior Alex Johnson, sophomore Josh Hamel and freshmen Ray Crockett, Jeremy Gibbs, Jon Howe, Dan Morgan and Anthony Delulio.

Coaches Beth LaVallee and Uel Gardner are still sizing up their young squad.

"The girls are a more balanced mix (of experience and newcomers) than the boys," said LaVallee. New team members Shaw and Johnson are proven athletes in other sports, but this is their first attempt at skiing competitively, she said.

"We've got some athletic talent to build on," said LaVallee.

"Building" is the overall theme for the boys' squad, said Gardner. For the moment, at least, "the strength is in the returning corps,"

he said.

But with the opportunity the past two weeks to get out on the slopes - a relative luxury right now - the Rebels may be out of the gate faster than some of their competition.

"They have been on snow - that's a positive," said LaVallee, and Brock Merrill.

They are coached by Sunday River coach Robyn Gould, assisted by Marie Hickey.

Snowboarding club

Telstar's snowboarding club is not a formal team, but 11 high and middle school students do compete in United States Amateur Snowboarding Association (USASA) and Maine Association of Independent Schools Athletic Directors (MAISAD) events.

The snowboarders are Darin Morse, Jason Mowery, Forest Duplessis, Michelle Delulio, Jeremy Benson, Bronson Douglass, Eliot Poirier, Alex Best, Andrew Raymond, Chris Duplessis, Jeff Benson and Brock Merrill.

They are coached by Sunday River coach Robyn Gould, assisted by Marie Hickey.

The schedule for this season's snowboarding activities can be found on page 14.

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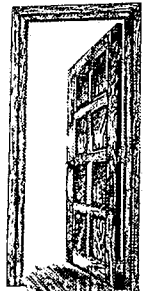
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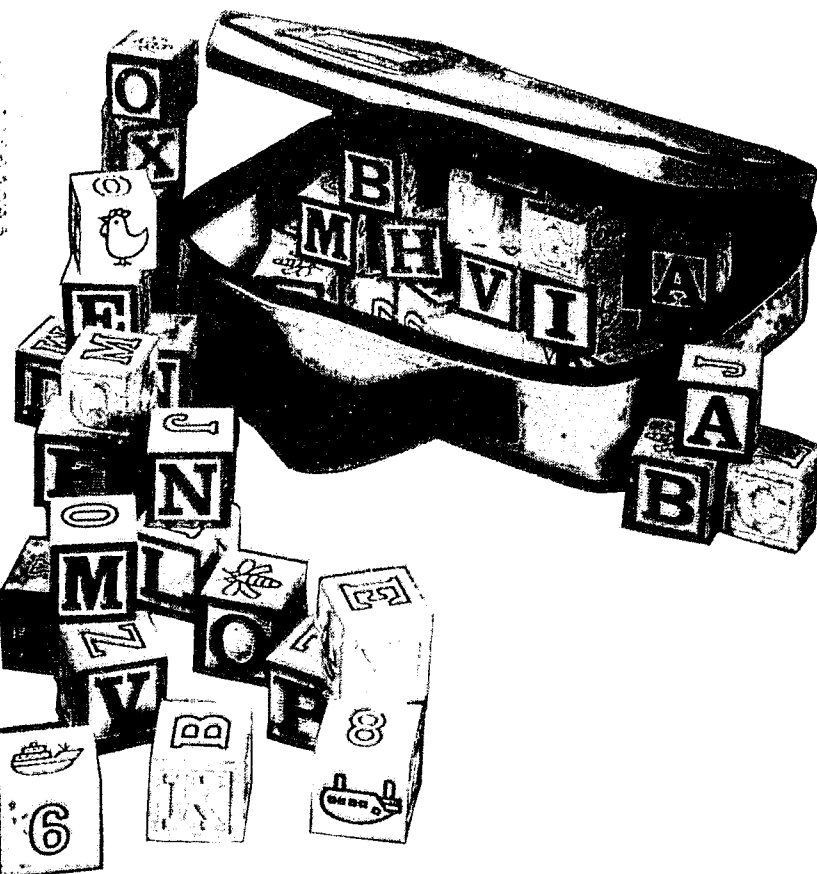
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Gould Academy Art Show, Thru Dec. 17—Owen Art Gallery exhibit of photographs by Frank Van Riper from his book, "Down East Maine: A World Apart." Weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends by appointment. For information or appointment call 824-7700.

Art Show—Nov. 29 through Dec. 31, at G.R.A.M.I. administrative office, Congress Street, Rumford, the artwork of Don and Maya Best will be featured. Meet the artists on opening night, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Donations to Coats for Kids may be dropped off at Hart's Stitch and Sew, Chandler Hill, Bethel.

West Paris Old Home Days committee outside Christmas decorating contest with prize of \$50 savings bond. \$5 to enter contest. Pick up and fill out form at West Paris Town Office by Wednesday, Dec. 15. Judging Monday evening, Dec. 20 or Wednesday evening, Dec. 22 (snow date).

Thursday, Dec. 9 (snowdate Dec. 10), 6:30 p.m.—Andover Elementary School Holiday Concert.

Friday, Dec. 10, 5 to 7 p.m.—Children's Cookie Decorating and Baking at Café DiCocoa, Main Street, Bethel.

Children's Craft Activities, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Toy Shop at Philbrook Place, Main Street, Bethel.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Craft Fair at Andover Fire Station, sponsored by Andover Rescue. To rent a table, call Elaine at 392-1140. Santa Claus will be in Andover at 1 p.m. the same day.

Cookie Decorating, Tree Lighting and Carols, 2 to 4 p.m. at Newry Grange Hall, sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee. Come join the fun. Free and open to all.

Photos with Santa, 1 to 3 p.m. at Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Free. Sponsored by Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee.

Dance/Hoot Night starting at 7 p.m. at Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills, to raise money for medical expenses for Tobin Heath, who will have heart surgery this month. Featured will be Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, along with Hoot Express, Pawah Express, and Puckerbrush Cats. Suggested donation: \$6 single and \$10 per couple. B.Y.O.B. For more information, call Dottie Heath at 665-2088.

Sleigh Ride with Santa at Stonewall Farm, Andrews Road, Woodstock from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Price: \$5 for all ages. Photos available for single or group pictures. Proceeds to benefit Rightstart's Christmas for Kids program.

Old-fashioned Dance, 8 to 11:30 p.m. at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Felt Orchestra, to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 11 to 1 p.m.—Breakfast with Santa at The Sudbury Inn. Santa will have a gift for each child.

Mahoosuc Music Makers Christmas Concert, 4 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel.

Old-fashioned Christmas Carol and Hymn Sing, 6 p.m. at Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26.

Finnish-American Heritage Society meeting and Christmas Party will be held at 2 p.m. at the society's hall, Maple Street, West Paris. For more information, call 583-2877.

Christmas Program, 6 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Flat Road, West Bethel.

Hymn/Carol Sing by Oxford County United Parish at North Waterford Church, 4 p.m., followed by light supper. All welcome.

Monday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.—Newry Mothers Club Christmas Party. Members bring a hot dish or dessert and a gift.

Friends of Odeon Hall meeting, 7 p.m. at Java House. Questions may be directed to Vicki Rackliffe (824-3575) or Jackie and Al Cressy (824-0508).

Tuesday, Dec. 14, all day—Mt. Mann Jewelers offers a chance to mine, in the well-stocked Crystal Cave, a Christmas gift for that hard-to-buy-for person.

Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon, sponsored by Bethel Rotary Club, at Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road. Doors open late morning prior to noon luncheon. Menu: ham, potatoes, squash, veggies, rolls, beverage, dessert. Music and gifts.

Create a table-sized boxwood Christmas tree at Pooh Corner Farm workshop (\$35). Refreshments. Call 836-FARM to register.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2 to 4 p.m.—Open House at Linda's Country Flair, Flat Road, West Bethel, for all customers. Refreshments.

Thursday, Dec. 16 (snowdate Dec. 20), 6:30 p.m.—Crescent Park School Holiday Concert.

Friday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.—Caroling in West Bethel with Pleasant Valley Bible Church. Hot chocolate and goodies follow. For information, call 836-2828.

Yuletide Christmas Concert at Gould Academy. Call 824-7700 for information.

Ninth annual Christmas Cantata by Forestdale Christian School students, 7 p.m. preceded by 10 minutes of caroling, at Woodstock Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For more information, call 674-2934. Free and community encouraged to attend.

Stoneham Community Christmas Tree, with pizza and potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the Fire Station. Call 928-2284 or 928-2340 with number of children you plan to bring.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Make a mica ornament for your tree at Mt. Mann Jewelers, Main Street, Bethel. All ages. Call 824-3030 for more information.

Open House at the Good Food Store, 2 to 4 p.m., on Route 2, Bethel. Product sampling, holiday treats and seasonal recipes to share.

Free wagon rides. Meet at Bethel Fire Station.

Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m., at Locke Mills Union Church, by Ecumenical Choir directed by Beverly Melville. Refreshments following.

Christmas caroling on Main Street, Bethel, with the Bethel Alliance Church. Meet at the gazebo on the Bethel common. All singers welcome.

Celebrating Fatherhood, sponsored by Community Concepts, will sponsor Infant and Toddler Play Time and Dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Gail Riley Center, South Paris. Sign up in advance by calling Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

Old-fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall, 8 to 11:30 p.m., to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Sunday River Ski Resort's pre-holiday bash. Tree lighting, snow tubing, ice skating at the NiteCap Fun Center. Live music at Bumps Pub. For more information, call 824-3000.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Afterschool program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

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West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service.

Our Lady of the Snows—Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church—at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 3:30 p.m., third Sunday of the month (824-2913).

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist—First and third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church -Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

REACH

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365, Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits) Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info. call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel-Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Seasonal only:

Every Saturday: Bethel Farmers' Market, Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Locally grown produce and local goods.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 9, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!				Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Mr. Bean	Random	Movie: "The Night They Saved Christmas"				Magic-Las Vegas	700 Club		
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	ER	News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Billy Graham		Totally Out of Control		20/20 Downtown	News		
10	News-Lehrer		Anyplace Wild		Anyplace	Thrills and Spills in the North Country			Rumpole of the Bailey	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL 2Night	NFL Football: Oakland Raiders at Tennessee Titans						Sportsctr.	
(34)	Waltons		Movie: "The Gathering, Part II"				Dukes of Hazzard	Dallas		
18	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Story of Santa Claus		Chicago Hope		48 Hours	News		
(41)	New England Tailgate		Boxing: Robert Davis vs. Tom Glesby				Rugby: Currie Cup			
(15)	Fairy Tale	Stuart Little	Inside the NFL		Movie: "The Replacement Killers"		Chris Rock	Sex Bytes	Sex Bytes	
(17)	Movie: "It Runs in the Family"			Movie: "Beetlejuice"			Movie: "Breaking Away"			
(18)	"Great Expectations"		Movie: "Bulworth"			Movie: "Shadow of Doubt"			Femalen 2	
(20)	NHL Hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Boston Bruins				Bruins		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "A Holiday to Remember"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Movie: "Thunderball"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Skeeter	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy
(25)	"Guys and Dolls" Cont'd		Movie: "Carmen Jones"				Movie: "The Big Carnival"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Patriot Games"					Ranger
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Inside Story		Law & Order	
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "Ernest Scared Stupid"				News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 10, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Lost in the Bermuda Triangle"				Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Jack Frost		Movie: "Babes in Toyland"				Random	Random	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Billy Graham		Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Dirigo: Maine's Legacy			Peter, Paul and Mary Holiday Concert			Wash. Wk.	Wall St
(22)	Sportscenter of the Decade: The 1980s				Up Close	Heisman	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	Sportscenter	
(34)	Motor Madness		ECW Wrestling		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Motor Madness	
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Figure Skating: Snowden		Candid Camera		Nash Bridges		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Boston Celtics				New England Tailgate		Pro Football	NBA Action	H3O Surf	
(15)	Inside the NFL		"I Know What You Did Last Summer"			Movie: "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer"			Chris Rock	
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "Ernest Saves Christmas"	Movie: "P.U.N.K.S."						So Weird	Jersey
(18)	"U.S. Marshals" Cont'd		Movie: "Little Boy Blue"			Movie: "Soldier"			Windows	
(20)	College Basketball: Buffalo at Indiana			Rinkside	Front Row	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Figure Skating: I.S.U. Trophée Lalique			Once and Again		
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Moonraker"						"You Only Live Twice"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Movie: "Alien Vacation"			I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy
(25)	"Our Man Flint" Cont'd		Movie: "Zeppelin"				Cinema	Movie: "Gorgo"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "No Escape"					Tales-Crypt
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Poirot	Law & Order		
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "The Rocketeer"				News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 11, 1999											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Hidden Assassin"				Billy Graham		Star Trek: Voyager		
(32)	"Christmas Every Day"		Movie: "Richie Rich's Christmas Wish"				Movie: "Christmas Eve"				
6	Fam. Feud	Seinfeld	Pretender		Profiler		Most Amazing Videos		News	Sat. Night	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Mr. Holland's Opus"						News	Patriots	
10	Louisiana Rock and Reel-BeauSoleil			Doo Wop 50						Red Dwarf	
(22)	Sportscenter		Heisman Trophy		College Basketball: Kentucky at Maryland				Sportscenter		
(34)	Waltons		Opry		Grand Opry		Bill Galtner: Joy		Country's Family		
18	ER		Garfield		Figure Skating: Stars on Ice		Walker, Texas Ranger		News		
(41)	College Basketball: Utah at Washington State				AHL Hockey: Springfield Falcons at Hartford Wolf Pack						
(15)	"The Avengers" Cont'd		Movie: "Witness Protection"			Movie: "Lethal Weapon 4"					
(17)	So Weird		Movie: "Noah"			Movie: "Treehouse Hostage"			Smart Guy	So Weird	
(18)	Movie: "Outbreak" Cont'd		Movie: "The Last Ride"			Atomic Tab.		Movie: "The Getaway"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins					Bruins		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Movie: "Family Album" Cont'd						Oh Baby		Golden	Any Day Now	
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Absolute Power"						Movie: "A View to a Kill"		
(24)	Thomberrys		Rugrats		Big Holiday Help-A-Thon			I Love Lucy		I Love Lucy	
(25)	Movie: "Parrish" Cont'd			Movie: "Partners"			Movie: "Ski Party"				
(26)	Movie: "No Escape" Cont'd				Movie: "Legionnaire"				"Raiders of the Lost Ark"		
(27)	Love Chronicles		Biography			Movie: "Small Vices"			Top 10		
(12)	Fresh Fr.		NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Orlando Magic				News		Wayans		
(39)	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Moneyweek	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight		

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12, 1999											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Movie: "The Muppet Christmas Carol"				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Battle Dome		
(32)	Borrowed Hearts		Movie: "The Christmas Path"				Movie: "The Man in the Santa Claus Suit"				
6	Dateline			Movie: "Twister"			News		Big Break		
8	Movie: "Switching Goals"				Snoops		Practice		News	Paid Prog.	
10	Viewers' Choice Cont'd				Viewers' Choice			Mystery!			
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at Kansas City Chiefs						Sportsctr.		
(34)	Outdoors	Shooter	In-Fish	AmLegnds	Bull Riding	Hunting	Remington	ClassicCar	Lawn		
13	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "A Season for Miracles"				News		
(41)	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks					Celtics	Baseball: Puerto Rican League -- Teams TBA				
(15)	Movie: "Clueless" Cont'd			Movie: "Titanic"							You've Got
(17)	So Weird	Gargoyles	Darkwing	Bonkers	Mannheim	Album	Movie: "The Shaggy D.A."				
(18)	Movie: "Antz" Cont'd		Movie: "Kiss of a Stranger"			Movie: "A Perfect Murder"				Jack Frost	
(20)	Boxing: Sunday Night Fights				Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		
(44)	Movie: "And the Sea Will Tell" Cont'd						Any Day Now		Beyond Chance		
(5)	Movie: "The Shawshank Redemption"						Movie: "The Shawshank Redemption"				
(24)	Strange	Alex Mack	Little Bill	Nick News	Brady	Brady	Brady	HappyDay	HappyDay	HappyDay	
(25)	Rome Adv	Screen	Movie: "Can-Can"				Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"				
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Movie: "Hefner: Unauthorized"				Movie: "Hefner: Unauthorized"				
(27)	Top 10		Movie: "The Lady in Question"				Movie: "The Lady in Question"				
(12)	Movie: "The Rocketeer"				MacGyver		News	Replay	Ill. Luckiest	Beastmr	
(39)	Worldview	Sports	Worldview	Pinnacle	CNN & Time		Millennium	Sports	NRA Wk		

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 13, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Parkers	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	Cricket on the Hearth		Movie: "Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue"				Famous Families	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Veronicas	Law & Order		Dateline	News		
(8)	Sports Rap Live		20/20		NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Jacksonville Jaguars					
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		Washington Opera Production of La Rondine				To Contrary	Pipes
(22)	Monday Night Countdown				Figure Skating: Cup of Russia				ESPNNews	
(34)	Waltons		Country Holiday		Prime Time Country		Waltons	Dallas		
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Ladies Man	Raymond	Becker	Family Law	News		
(41)	Bruiser Flint	College Basketball: Illinois State at Creighton			Celtics		Attack on the Andes	Edge	SnowAdvs	
(15)	"Second Slight" Cont'd		Movie: "Home Fries"			Dennis Miller: The Millennium Special		Women Who Love Killers		
(17)	Movie: "Babes in Toyland"			Movie: "Mr. Headmistress"			Movie: "The Boy Who Could Fly"			
(18)	"Switchback" Cont'd		Movie: "The Ice Storm"				Movie: "Copycat"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Phoenix Coyotes at Boston Bruins					Bruins	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Beyond Chance			Movie: "Deceptions"			Golden	Golden
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Figure Skating: Holiday Festival on Ice				Movie: "A Christmas Story"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Eddie	Rocket	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched
(25)	"A Farewell to Arms"		Fashion		Movie: "Laura"		Movie: "From the Terrace"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger			WWF Raw		WWF War Zone	Walker, Texas Ranger	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography of the Year				Biography of the Year			
(12)	Caroline	Movie: "White Christmas"				News		MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Snorts	Moneyline	

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From the

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Many thanks to Shonna Young, a Telstar High School student who volunteered her time to work in the chamber office during the school closing.

The Country Christmas in Bethel "kick-off weekend" was a great success despite the fall-like temperatures, thanks to the efforts of dozens of businesses and volunteers who contributed time and product to the Taste of Bethel, the Theme Wreath auction, and to finishing up the holiday decorating project.

The decorations around town are more beautiful than ever. Many thanks to Sheila Fleet and David Freiday for erecting and decorating the trees on the Bethel Station lot that greet the thousands of residents and visitors that drive by there every week. Thanks, also, to Janet Black for tying the 42 ribbons that adorn the pole swags and to the Town of Bethel Public Works department for putting them up. Many thanks to those who helped with the Christmas trees and lights on the common: Bob Taylor from CMP, Ginny Gamble, David Freiday, Al and Jackie Cressy, Mary McPheters, Doug, Dan and Brian Zinchuk and the chamber staff.

The 4th annual Taste of Bethel was well received by the community once again. Proceeds from this event make possible a scholarship for a Telstar High School graduate pursuing a culinary arts/business degree and also helps with the cost of the holiday decorations and events the chamber provides. Thanks to Telstar High School for the use of their facilities. Many thanks to the following restaurants, who provided delicious food for the

event: Briar Lea Inn and Restaurant, The Chapman Inn, Good Food Store, Jordan Grand Resort Hotel, Maine Market, Mothers, Rosetto's, Skidder's Deli, Sunday River Brewing Co, The Victoria. Sixteen businesses donated theme wreaths, individually decorated, that were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Many thanks to: Bethel Historical

Society, Bethel Inn & Country Club, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce (snowman wreath), BIG Adventure Center, Casablanca Cinema, Great Grizzly/Matterhorn, Inn at the Rostay, Java House, Pat's Pizza, Pooh Corner Farm and Greenhouses, River View Resort, S. Timberlake Co., Sunday River Ski Resort, Sun Valley Sports, The Toy Shop, Village Sampler. We couldn't have held the event without volunteer help. A huge thanks to Rick Mowery and the Bethel Alliance Church for the use of their tables, chairs, TV/VCR and coffee maker; to the Bethel Inn for tables and tablecloths; to David Freiday, Bob Taylor, Rocky Freda, Jack Day and Rick Mowery for moving tables; to Michele Varuolo, Paula Gillies, Susan and Tamara Isham, Lois Ruff, Barbara Douglass, Ellen Crocker, Marybeth Bayerlein, and June Abbott and family for all their help with the event and cleanup. A huge thanks to Kathy Thrall, who wore our beloved Angus costume and entertained the crowd.

The Christmas tree lighting on the common on Saturday evening attracted dozens of families and community members. Many thanks to Bob and Cynthia Moran-Laux (Santa and Mrs. Claus), Robert Lowell and the Bethel Fire Dept. for transporting Santa, Crescent Park PTA for the use of their Santa suit, Rite Aid for the donation of candy canes, the West Parish Congregational Church for providing hot cocoa, and to the Gould Academy choral and instrumental group that entertained us on the gazebo.

Country Christmas events will be

ongoing this weekend. Free horse-drawn wagon rides will again be available on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Bethel village. A reminder that this Sunday evening, Dec. 12, all members and friends of the chamber are invited to our annual Holiday Social from 5-7:30 p.m. at Mothers Restaurant on Main Street, Bethel.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

"Christmas with the Masons," a depiction of an early 19th century Maine Christmas celebration, was held at the Dr. Moses Mason House on Thursday, Dec. 2. Decorated as it would have been in Doctor and Mrs. Mason's day, with berries, boughs and fruit, the museum in candlelight and glowing open-hearth fireplaces offered a variety of special treats and hot mulled cider served from the hearth of the winter kitchen. Holiday music played by Elissa Lufkin on the harp in the museum and Edna York on the piano in the meeting room greatly added to the atmosphere of this special time held annually.

Many thanks to Grace McKivergan, Lorrie Hoeh, Helen Morton, and Betty Perkins who acted as hostesses. Persis Post, assisted by Bill and Sylvia Wight, served the mulled cider. A large crowd was in attendance.

Following this event, a short business meeting conducted by president Alvin Barth was held. After the singing of "Jingle Bells" and the secretary's and treasurer's reports, there were reports from the capital campaign and New Year's Bethel committees.

Susan Herlihy of the NYB Committee announced that all had come together to produce a fine chemical-free, family-oriented

event on Dec. 31. She urged everyone to spread the word to make certain of a large crowd to help Bethel bring in the year 2000. Volunteers are still needed and sponsors are still being sought for performances and specific expenses. Anyone willing to volunteer or help with sponsorships was urged to call Susan at 824-3932 or the society office at 824-2908 or toll free (800) 824-2910.

Priscilla Walker reported for the Museum Shop Committee that the shop was full of all kinds of possible gifts for holiday giving and that it would be open each afternoon, 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday until Christmas.

Society Director Stan Howe introduced the video for the evening, "The Story of Maine: They Came by Sea."

Persis Post presented the refreshments for the evening, fruit punch and a variety of holiday treats.

From

Tri-Town Rescue

"Service, dedication, commitment" -- these words describe the outstanding service given to Tri-Town Rescue by Peggy Theofrastau, Annella Burnham, and Viola Whitman. They were honored at its recent annual meeting.

Viola Whitman, West Paris, has been a member for seven years. She is the treasurer and an active EMT. She carries the beeper with her at all times, in an effort to help out, taking shifts whenever work permits.

Annella Burnham, Bryant Pond, was head of the in-service dispatchers, coordinating their schedule and insuring someone would answer the call, when someone needed assistance. She has also been very active with the auxiliary, a position she will take as president in the upcoming year.

Peggy Theofrastau, West Paris, has been a member of Tri-Town

auxiliary and in-service dispatchers for six years, most recently as auxiliary president. She always finds time to cook or bake for the well-known suppers and food sales. She's always willing to help with fundraising ideas.

New officers were elected at the annual meeting. Board officers are: Mary Emery, coordinator; Viola Whitman, treasurer; and Norm St. Pierre, secretary. Ambulance officers are: Mike Dixon, chief; Norm St. Pierre, assistant chief; Jim Worobe and Jim Marion, vehicle officers; Jack Roberts and Warren Emery, housing officers; Wayne Theofrastau and Harry Archer, communication officers; Jane Chandler and Dustin Howe, training officers. Auxiliary officers: Annella Burnham, president; Peggy Theofrastau, vice president; Rena Robinson, secretary, and Viola Whitman, treasurer. Search and Rescue officers: Ray Cooley, team leader; Jim Worobe, assistant team leader; Jane Chandler, secretary, and Dustin Howe, training officer.

From the

Oxford County Republicans

William Hain, director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices for the State of Maine, was the featured speaker at the November monthly meeting held in Rumford at the Methodist Church. Introduced by Rep. Robert Cameron (R-Rumford), Hain discussed the scope of his responsibilities and provided a brief history of the Maine Clean Election Act.

The act was passed by referendum in 1996 and immediately challenged in court. It was just recently judged to be constitutional and will go into effect in the 2000 election cycle. Maine is leading the way in this legislation since there is no model anywhere in the nation. Other states are contacting Maine

for information on how to proceed in a similar way.

Hain outlined the mechanics of the act. Candidates running for office in 2000 must decide to either participate or not in the act. There is no middle ground. A decision to participate must be made between Jan. 1 and March 16, 2000. Participating candidates can only use the public funds established for this purpose and must carefully document this to the department. Seed money and matching money are available but fall under strict guidelines similar to the initial funds. All funds are distributed on a tiered basis with the gubernatorial candidates receiving the most, followed by Senate candidates and finally the Representative candidates.

The election fund currently has over \$5 million for candidates in 2000. Severe penalties exist for any violation of the law. As this legislation is new, it will be reviewed on a regular basis in the coming years. Changes will be made in the law as necessary to improve its fairness and remove any loopholes that may now exist. Those wishing to learn more about the act were encouraged to contact the Ethics Commission in Augusta.

During the business portion of the meeting, it was decided to hold the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in Bethel at the Bethel Inn. A planning meeting will be held later in the month. Vice chair, Barbara Robinson of Paris was elected chair of the committee replacing Dawfr Cummings of Norway, who resigned earlier this fall. Ms. Robinson's elevation creates a vacancy for the female vice chair. Nominations for the position will be taken at the December meeting to be held in Norway at the Second Congregational Church on Dec. 14. Republican officeholders recognized at the meeting included Sen. Norman K. Ferguson (R-Hanover), Rep. Robert Cameron (R-Rumford), Rep. Ted Heidrich (R-Oxford), Rep. Arlan Jodrey (R-Bethel) and Register of Probate Ted Tracy.

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long-term substitute position

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Kent Rosberg, Superintendent
M.S.A.D. #44
284 Walkers Mills Road
Bethel, ME 04217

This position will remain open until an appropriate candidate is identified. EOE

Town of Bethel - Office Assistant

The Town of Bethel is receiving applications for the position of Office Assistant. This is a responsible, full-time position which will provide general secretarial support to office personnel including the Finance Officer, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Manager. Other duties may be assigned to this position, dependent on skills and qualifications.

Please stop by the town office, or call 824-2669 for a complete job description. A cover letter and resume must be received at the Bethel Town Office, no later than December 20, 1999. Mailing address is:

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Cathy Newell, Director of Adult Education
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PERSON NEEDED TO TAKE & TYPE NOTES

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The MSAD #43 Board of Directors' are typically the first and third Mondays of each month starting at 6:30 pm. Flexible schedule preferred.

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STATE OF MAINE SUPERIOR COURT OXFORD SS. CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. 99-RE-19

BANGOR SAVINGS BANK,
PLAINTIFF, vs.
KATHLEEN C. BROOKS-KING,
DEFENDANT.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Plaintiff's Motion for Service by Publication filed through its attorney, Wendy J. Paradis, Esq., of the firm Lambert, Coffin, Rudman & Hochman, 477 Congress Street, 14th Floor, PO Box 15215, Portland, Maine 04112-5215, in this action to foreclose a mortgage on real estate situated in Bethel, Oxford County, Maine, came before this court pursuant to Rule 7(c). It appearing that Defendant Kathleen Brooks-King cannot, with due diligence, be served by another prescribed method, and that the address of Defendant is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, it is hereby

ORDERED

That Defendant, Kathleen Brooks-King, appear and defend the cause and file a written answer to the Complaint no later than (20) twenty days following the twenty-first day after first publication of this Order. Defendant, Kathleen Brooks-King, or her attorney(s) must file an answer by delivering it in person or by mail to the office of the Clerk of the Oxford County Superior Court, 26 Western Avenue, South Paris, Maine 04281. On or before the day Defendant or her attorney(s) files her answer, she or her attorney must mail a copy of the answer to the Plaintiff's attorney whose name and address appear above.

CAVEAT: IF KATHLEEN BROOKS-KING FAILS TO FILE AN ANSWER BY THE DATE STATED ABOVE, OR IF, AFTER SHE FILES HER ANSWER, SHE FAILS TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES HER TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST HER IN HER ABSENCE FOR FORECLOSURE OF THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. SHE MUST NOT OPOSE THIS LAWSUIT. SHE MUST NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME.

If Defendant, Kathleen Brooks-King believes that the Plaintiff is not entitled to all or part of the claim set forth in the complaint, or if she believes that she has a claim of her own against the Plaintiff, she should talk to her lawyer. If she feels she cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, she may ask the Clerk of the Superior Court, at the above-named courthouse, or any other courthouse, for information as to places where she may obtain legal assistance.

It is further ORDERED that this order be published in The Bethel Citizen, a newspaper of general circulation in Oxford County, Maine, once a week for (3) consecutive weeks and a copy of this order as published shall be sent by ordinary First Class Mail to the Defendant at her last known address, namely: 85 Egypt Mountain Road, Bethel, Maine, with a copy to her last attorney of record, David Q. Whittier, Esq., PO Box 288, South Paris, Maine 04281-0288. The tract or parcel of real estate affected by this action is more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land lying in Woodstock, near Bryant Pond Village being a part of lot numbered sixty-two (62) and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones about twenty feet East of the road leading from Bryant Pond to the County Road from Rumford to Paris, and on the South line of said lot numbered sixty-two (62) and running South twenty-five degrees East (S 25 degrees E) four (4) rods and twenty-one (21) links; thence South twenty-two and one-half degrees East (S 22 1/2 degrees E) four rods (4) and nine (9) links to a stake and stones; thence North sixty-nine degrees West (N 69 degrees W) to the road; thence on said road northerly about seven (7) rods to the North line of said lot number sixty-two (62); thence on said lot line easterly about twenty (20) feet to the first mentioned bound, together with the buildings thereon.

Also, a certain parcel of land lying in said Woodstock and in the Village of Bryant Pond and on the easterly side of the road leading out of said Village towards Paris bounded and described as follows: to wit: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of land of Arthur A. Andrews as shown by a marker on line of said road; thence easterly on said Andrews land to a point on a direct line with the easterly line of said Andrews' land and easterly line of land as occupied by Horace F. Noyes; thence about sixty (60) feet northeasterly to center of the brook as it now runs.

Also, a one-half interest in and to a certain spring of water situated on a lot of land lying in the said town of Woodstock, known as the Trull Lot, with the right to maintain and curb said spring and lay and repair a water pipe leading thereto through said Trull Lot, it being agreed and understood that at no time shall any wood or timber to be cut unless by permission of the owner of the said Trull Lot and said wood or timber so cut shall be paid for at its market price, only so much land or earth shall be disturbed as may be necessary to properly curb said spring and lay and repair said water pipe and maintain said spring.

Being the same premises conveyed to E. Haskell Brooks and Kathleen C. Brooks from Warranty Deed and recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 1807, Page 337. Dated November 9, 1999.

Justice, Oxford County Superior Court

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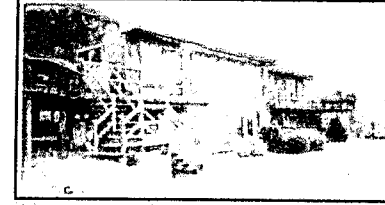
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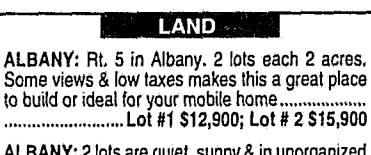
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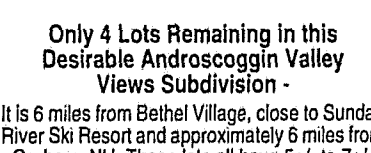
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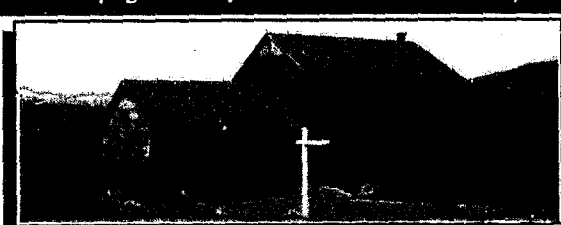
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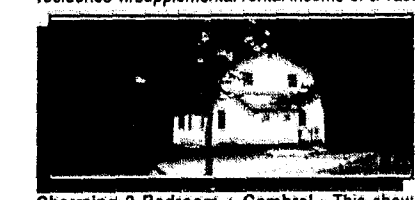
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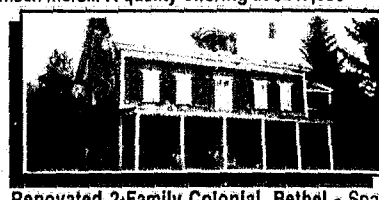
Greek Revival Farmhouse, Bethel: Commanding mtn views are yours from this quality constructed home. Featuring an eye-catching traditional ext w/beautiful moldings & perennial gardens, this home offers a pleasing mix of classic & contemp elements. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a wonderfully designed kitchen & so much more... A quality offering at \$247,000



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Bethel Village, Two-Family - This traditional 3 bedroom home is located in the Village of Bethel. Attached one bedroom efficiency apartment makes this an affordable permanent or vacation home. Don't hesitate. \$119,000



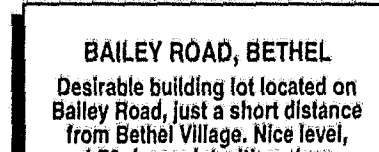
Renovated 2-Family Colonial, Bethel - Spacious & inviting, this 2-family home has been tastefully renovated. Many nice features including hardwood flooring, fireplace, master bedroom w/private bath. Potential 3rd floor expansion. A great investment property and a must see! \$99,900



Bethel Village Home: Sit on a nice neighborhood street in Bethel close to the elem school, this charming foursquare style home features beautiful hardwood flooring, a fireplace LR, a glorious 3rd floor master BR suite, enclosed front porch, att'd garage & so much more. Very well maintained & reasonably priced. A great family home. \$159,000



The House of 7 Gables at Peaked Hill Farm: Circa 1870 Farmhouse set on 34+/- acres w/scenic meadow & mtn views. Many tasteful ext incl. beautiful maple kit cabinetry & resurfaced wood floors. This 3-4 BR home features a fireplace GR w/a beautiful arched win & glass doors leading onto a brick patio, formal dining & much more. Detached 3-car garage. \$189,000



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Country Charming in Hanover! Nice cape, Hanover village, 4 bdrm, 1.5 ba, great living space, garage, sunny decks and wonderful lot! Great location, privacy! Good buy at only \$119,900!



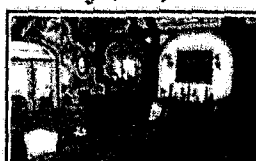
Brookside Condo at Sunday River! Nicely kept 1 bdrm, 1 ba with new carpet, fully equipped and in excellent shape! Ski-On, Ski-Off for only \$59,900!



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Obituaries

GEORGE GLENN ABBOTT

George Glenn Abbott, 72, died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston, Texas, completing a full and active life.

He was born in Norway on April 5, 1927, son of Stevens Morse Abbott and Vera Olive West Abbott. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged on Nov. 7, 1947. He was also a member of Gen. Eisenhower's motorcycle brigade.

He married Helen Femia Peju on July 27, 1951. Together they had five children. Helen died on Dec. 4, 1979. On Nov. 25, 1999, he married Lee Thibodeaux in Port Arthur, Texas.

He was proud of the fact that he was the oldest kidney transplant recipient in the United States. Since then he lost both legs but persisted in being self-sufficient, driving his handicap-accessible van, sewing, and visiting friends. He loved trav-

eling, telling stories, reading, and playing his harmonica. When in Maine, he enjoyed attending Faith Bible Church in Buckfield. He also enjoyed donating his time and resources in the renovations of the building.

Survivors include his wife; six brothers, Sidney Earl of Sumner, Alan Stevens of New Mexico, Gordon Keith of Hartford, Norman Gary of Leeds, Jeriel Malcolm of California, and Oliver Wayne of North Carolina; two sons, Aundrey Wayne of California and Marc Blaine of Georgia; two daughters, Diane Gwen Thurston of West Bethel and Tammy Kella Phillips of Georgia; and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by three sisters, Ruby Olive Abbott, Helen Edna Wilmet and Sylvia Marvette Wuori; and a daughter, Holly Teakla Romero.

A memorial service was held for family and friends on Sunday, Dec. 12 at Faith Bible Chapel, East

Buckfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Kidney Foundation, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852, or to Faith Bible Chapel, PO Box 250, Buckfield, ME 04220.

ELINOR K. HEIKKINEN

Elinor Koistinen (Briggs) Heikkinen, 84, of West Paris, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, at the Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris.

Born in West Paris on Feb. 25, 1915, she was the daughter of the late Hilja and Paul Koistinen. On Nov. 3, 1935, she married Charles Fredrick Briggs, who predeceased her in 1955. During their marriage they lived in Auburn and Haverhill, Mass. On June 25, 1968, she married Waino E. Heikkinen, who predeceased her in 1985.

In 1955, she returned to Maine with her daughter and lived for a while on Paris Hill before settling

again in West Paris. She worked for a number of years at Perham's Maine Mineral Store and then as a housekeeper.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ann Briggs, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her three sisters, Memi, Jessie and Elizabeth.

Graveside services were held at the West Paris Finnish Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 4. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations in Elinor's memory to the Activities Department, Ledgeview Living Center, PO Box 69, West Paris, ME 04289.

WEDDINGS • BIRTHS • DEATHS

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Send information to: Editor, The Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, Maine 04217

Births

Leana Piawlock and Jason Gross of Woodstock are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Rider Roy Gross, born on Dec. 3, 1999, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Day of Bryant Pond and Michael Piawlock of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Malcolm Gross of Hano-

Stephanie and Arthur Bragdon Jr. of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Mitchell Philip, born on Dec. 2, 1999, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Rodney and Christine Hanscom of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Arthur and Phyllis Bragdon of Oxford.

Mitchell joins sister Denise, 15, and brothers Keith, 14, and Matthew, 14 months.

Card of Thanks

The family of Hugh Stearns wishes to express sincere gratitude to all our family & friends, Norway Rehabilitation Center and Reverend Norman Rust for all the kindness extended to us during our recent bereavement.

Thank you all,
Barbara & Howard Inman & family
Janice Morrill & family

Card of Thanks

On behalf of our daughter-in-law, Libby Keoskie, we want to thank all you wonderful people that helped us through this difficult time. Thanks to Pastor Rick, and the men and women of the Bethel Alliance Church who prayed for Libby's healing and the congregation of the Pleasant Valley Bible Church.

God has heard all your prayers and put a healing touch on her. Special thanks to Jeanne Boelsma, Cecile Hoy & Judy Webster for their Christian outreach in feeding Robert while Jackie was taking care of the baby. A warm and hearty thanks to everyone involved.

God bless you all
Bob & Jackie Schuesler

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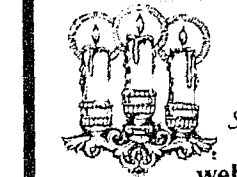
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